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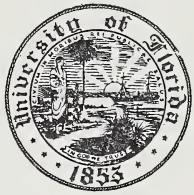

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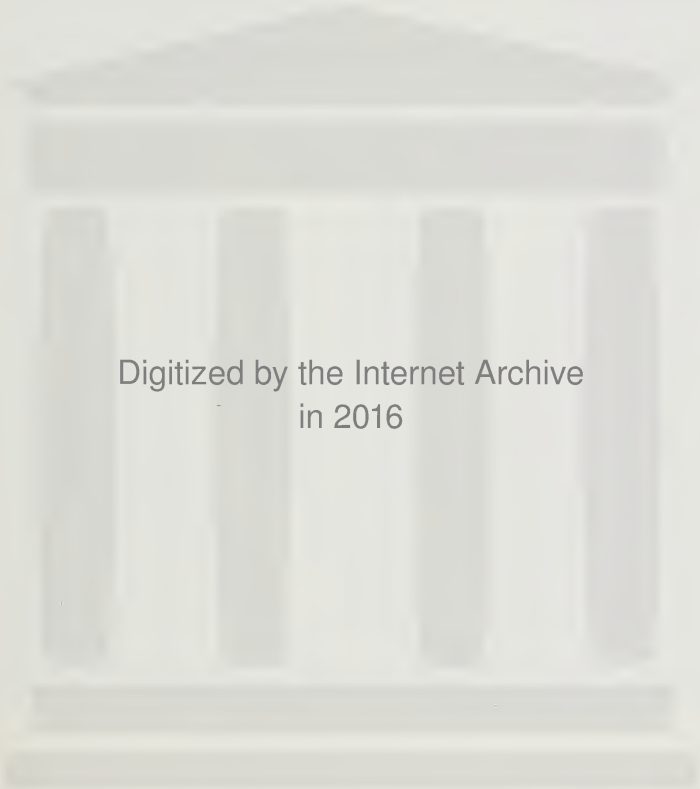
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Biography

Michael Joseph Kirwan was born in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pa., December 2, 1886; attended the public and high schools of his native city; moved to Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1907; during World War I served overseas as a sergeant in the 348th Machine Gun Company with the 64th Artillery, U.S. Army, 1917–19; engaged in the mercantile business 1930–36; member of the Youngstown City Council 1932–36; elected as a Democrat to the 75th and to the sixteen succeeding Congresses, serving from January 3, 1937, until his death in Bethesda, Md., July 27, 1970; interment in Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown, Ohio.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR
MICHAEL J. KIRWAN

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *July 27, 1970.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.—Psalms 90:17.

God of grace and God of goodness, in the glory of another day, throbbing with the loveliness of summer, we pause in Thy presence with hearts aflame with the beauty about us—the blue skies, the green fields, and the flowers in bloom. May this beauty be a sacrament in which we become more aware of the greatness of Thy spirit.

Bless these Representatives of our Nation. Give them wisdom and guidance in all their deliberations. Endow them with pure motives, patriotic endeavors, and unselfish service. Lead them in leading our people in the ways of righteousness and peace. So shall we, looking up to Thee, learn to laugh and love and live, to the glory of Thy holy name.

We pause in sorrow as we think of the passing of our beloved colleague, MIKE KIRWAN. We thank Thee for the great contribution he made to our country serving so well and so faithfully in Congress. May the memory of his grand spirit linger forever in our hearts. Comfort his family with Thy presence and strengthen us to carry on the work which now must be done without him.

In Thy holy name we pray. Amen.

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Speaker, I have the sad duty of announcing to the House the death of our beloved friend and colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KIRWAN). MIKE KIRWAN died early this morning at Bethesda Naval Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed and will be announced when finalized.

Mr. Speaker, in order that all Members may have an opportunity to participate in eulogies to our late colleague, I ask unanimous consent that on next Tuesday, August 4, 1970, at the conclusion of the legislative business and special orders previously entered into, I may be permitted to address the House for 1 hour.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1161

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That a committee of 54 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the Funeral Committee the following Members on the part of the House:

Mr. Feighan, Mr. Albert, Mr. Gerald R. Ford, Mr. Boggs, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Hays, Mr. Ayres, Mr. Betts, Mr. Bow, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Minshall.

Mr. Vanik, Mr. Devine, Mr. Latta, Mr. Ashbrook, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Harsha, Mr. Mosher, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Brown of Ohio, Mr. Taft, Mr. Lukens.

Mr. Miller of Ohio, Mr. Whalen, Mr. Wylie, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Rivers, Mr. Whitten, Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Madden, Mr. Philbin, Mr. Rooney of New York, Mr. Sikes.

Mr. Miller of California, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Price of Illinois, Mr. Evins of Tennessee, Mr. Delaney, Mr. Steed, Mr. Kluczynski, Mr. Boland of Massachusetts, Mr. Edmondson, Mr. O'Neill of Massachusetts, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Flynt.

Mr. Flood, Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. McFall, Mr. Casey, Mr. Smith of Iowa, Mrs. Hansen of Washington, Mr. Addabbo.

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The House stands adjourned out of respect to the memory of our late beloved friend and colleague.

ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 28, 1970, at 12 o'clock noon.

WEDNESDAY, *July 29, 1970.*

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Chairman, I take this time to advise the House that on Tuesday, August 4, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, 313 Second Street SE., there will be a memorial service for our former distinguished colleague from Ohio, the late Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN.

This will be the only memorial service for MIKE KIRWAN in the Washington area. I hope the Members of the House will endeavor to be present.

TUESDAY, *August 4, 1970.*

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Chairman, it was with deep regret that I learned of the passing of our distinguished colleague from Ohio, the able and beloved MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, affectionately known to all as MIKE.

MIKE was born in Plains near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., December 2, 1886, and was reared in humble surroundings in the coal mine region.

MIKE KIRWAN was truly a man of many facets. As a boy he worked in the coalfields and as a youth he traveled throughout the

United States. He lived his life in the tradition of the American boy in search of himself. He worked his way across the wild west as a trainman here, as a cowboy there, then in oilfields, wheatfields, and even a lumber camp.

During World War I, he served as an artillery sergeant in France.

He served two terms as a member of the Youngstown City Council representing the fourth ward. MIKE was first elected to Congress in 1936, and served his constituency faithfully until his death.

From his humble beginnings, he forged ahead as one of the main bastions of power in the Democratic Party as the chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee since 1947 and in the Congress as chairman of the Interior Subcommittee, and later as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations. He served as a member of the Rivers and Harbors Committee from 1937 until 1943. He was a national vice president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Long before the nationwide concern it has today, MIKE took a positive interest in the preservation of our national environment. The impact of his far-reaching proposals can be seen throughout the Nation. The great system of power dams, reservoirs, and waterways in the United States are in a great measure a result of his leadership. MIKE's deep concern was the welfare of the people of the entire Nation.

MIKE was a very unusual person. From his humble surroundings and lack of formal education, to have carved out such an extremely successful career in the service of his fellowman, was indeed a remarkable achievement. He had unswerving belief in his Creator and boundless confidence in his fellowman. He was kind and considerate and yet firm in his convictions and truly dedicated to every cause which he felt was right. MIKE's word was his bond. He felt a deep responsibility to help those with whom he lived and for his constituents for whom he worked untiringly.

I was privileged to be MIKE's friend and colleague for almost 30 years, during 8 of which MIKE was dean of the Ohio congressional delegation. Indeed, he was a man who never lost his simplicity. He always had compassion for his fellowman, perhaps because he understood them so well.

MIKE acquired numerous honorary degrees and was even a mem-

ber of the Cowboy Hall of Fame and had been appointed a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution as well as the recipient of many awards for his efforts in conservation.

The Nation has lost a distinguished legislator. My family and I extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

Mr. Chairman, when the Committee rises, I will ask unanimous consent that all Members may extend their own remarks and include extraneous material, and in my own remarks I will include a telegram of condolence from President Nixon:

SAN CLEMENTE, CALIF.

Mrs. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN,
Washington, D.C.:

Your husband's death brings sorrow to the hearts of those he served so tirelessly and so effectively, and it deprives the nation of an articulate public servant. Mrs. Nixon and I send you and your family our deepest sympathy as well as the hope that the achievements that distinguished your husband's career may now be a source of strength and comfort to you. May God bless you always.

RICHARD NIXON.

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Chairman, as the gentleman knows, no one was dearer or closer to me than MIKE KIRWAN. So I can say:

He is not dead, as we that are left shall die;
Age shall not weary him, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember him.

MIKE KIRWAN has departed this earth at the end of a life of determination, dedication, and hard work.

The outstanding funeral tribute in Youngstown, Ohio, last Thursday, when many of his congressional colleagues attended was an indication of the high place that MIKE KIRWAN held with his constituents, his fellow public servants and all those who knew him.

His passing was a bit more sorrowful for me, Mr. Chairman, since Congressman MIKE KIRWAN was more than a colleague. He was a dear friend, a trusted companion, and a man whose friendship I beheld.

When I first came to Congress in 1945, MIKE KIRWAN took me by the hand and led me through this building and through the mysteries of this House. I was always very proud of my association with him, since Congressman MIKE KIRWAN, like myself, was a

native of the northeastern Pennsylvania coalfields, born in the town of Plains, only a few miles from my home in Wilkes-Barre. He worked in those mines with my family, my neighbors, my relatives and my friends.

MIKE KIRWAN's life was rugged in every sense of the word, always filled with the determination to pursue the right and the proper.

His career began at the tender age of 7 as a slate-picker in the Heidelberg Coal Shaft near Wilkes-Barre. He used to kid us at the University Club, when we would ask each other, "From what university did you come, and what year?" We would say, "Yale, 1926," or "Harvard, 1924." MIKE, without batting an eye, would say, "Heidelberg, 1904." Most people did not know what that meant, but some of us did. It was a colliery at which he worked.

The same awful working conditions that permitted child labor abuses which young MICHAEL KIRWAN suffered were later put to an end. Some 40 years later he began a brilliant career in the U.S. House of Representatives where he always voted to improve the lot of the laboring man, and the betterment of working conditions.

MIKE KIRWAN came to Washington with the beginning of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term, and in the years to follow gave leadership and fight to all of the social and economic battles fought in these Halls.

I will have many fond, cherished memories of this great American whose death marks the termination of a life of service for all. The House of Representatives will be lesser, with another distinguished colleague gone to the final rollcall.

MIKE KIRWAN had the persuasiveness of Mr. Sam, the conviction of John F. Kennedy, the righteous pursuit of Harry S. Truman—and like all of these great Americans whom he knew and served with, he most of all loved the United States. He cared for the preservation of our democratic system of government, and held sacred the preservation and expansion of its natural resources.

There were many ways in which we can remember MIKE KIRWAN, Mr. Chairman, but I prefer to recall his magnetic presence as being that of a proud man.

He was proud of his country, and never reluctant to accuse those whom he believed did not hold its best interest at heart.

He was proud of the House in which he served, with the admiration of all his colleagues.

He was proud of his esteemed chairmanship on the Public Works Appropriations Committee, where I was pleased to serve with him for over 20 years.

He was proud of his district in Ohio whose economy and way of life were so often affected by the role the Federal Government played, thanks to MIKE KIRWAN, in making life there a little better for all residents.

He was proud of the Democratic Party, and the prominent role he held in spearheading its congressional campaign committee.

He was proud of his Irish-American ancestry, and like so many other great Americans in this tradition, he choose a life in government and politics.

There are many ways, Mr. Chairman, in which I could bring down the curtain on the life of MIKE KIRWAN, but I think Shakespeare may have said it best in the fifth act of Hamlet:

Now cracks a noble heart.
Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest . . .

Mrs. Flood joins with me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to our old friend and neighbor, Mrs. Kirwan, to his brother, John, and Mrs. Zorzi, still our neighbors in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mr. Chairman, I include the attached editorial from the Times Leader Evening News, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for July 27, 1970, in the Record, immediately following my remarks:

MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, 1886–1970

The death of Representative MICHAEL (MIKE) KIRWAN, famed Ohio Democrat and one of the most powerful figures in Congress, recalls a colorful career. He was a native of Plains and a resident of Youngstown, where he represented the 19th congressional district for 34 years.

As a member of the appropriations committee, chairman of its subcommittee on public works and chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, among other things, Representative KIRWAN was the Dan Flood of his adopted city, both in popularity and activity. He belonged to an earlier generation than his local counterpart. However, they were close personal friends as well as political allies.

Representative KIRWAN came by his eminence the hard way. In boyhood, he worked at the Heidelberg breaker and when notables at a Washington dinner, on one occasion, were asked to reveal their alma maters, he rose and stated produly, "Heidelberg, '07." The other guests were impressed at the mention of the famed German university until they learned later that he was referring to the anthracite mine where he was employed.

His career included tours of duty as a veteran, trolley conductor, laundryman and railroader before he entered politics and was elected to the city council of Youngstown. Such was the esteem in which he was held in his district, he ran ahead of Franklin Roosevelt in one election.

One of the best informed men in the capital despite his lack of a formal education, he always had the courage of his convictions as well as a rare sense of humor. An indication of his stature was his annual St. Patrick's Day party which attracted everyone of importance from the President down.

He never forgot Wyoming Valley, which he left in 1907, returning frequently for dinners and personal visits. He was easily one of our most distinguished sons as well as an outstanding public servant.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Chairman, each and every one of us who served with MIKE KIRWAN and knew MIKE KIRWAN had our lives enriched by the fact that our journey in life crossed each other's path.

MIKE KIRWAN's life was one of the most unusual of any person in the entire history of the United States. His life was one of ambition, of determination, of courage, and dedication and love to God and country. His life is an inspiration for all others to follow, particularly for the youth of America. Overcoming great difficulties as he did, taking advantage of our institutions of government, he was elected by the people of his district to serve in this great body, starting with the 75th Congress and continuing in this body until his death a short while ago in the 91st Congress.

During his service he made contributions that placed him among the truly great legislators of our Nation's history. There is no one whose love of America was stronger or more clearly evidenced than the love that MIKE KIRWAN had during his lifetime. He was not only one of the outstanding legislators of our Nation's history but was also one of the great Americans of the entire history of our country.

He was a man of firmness in the performance of his duties, but in his relationship to his fellow human beings he was a man who had an overabundance of kindness and of understanding. Each and every one of us could tell many pleasant incidents we had with MIKE

KIRWAN during his service in this body, but to me the most important thing was his love of his country, his love of the House of Representatives, and his dedication to the service of the people of his district, his State, and our country.

In the passing of MIKE KIRWAN the House of Representatives has lost one of its greatest Members. His contributions will always occupy the foremost pages in the legislative history of our great country.

His love of Mrs. Kirwan was always evidenced, as well as his love for his family—gentle, direct, kind. All of us will miss MIKE KIRWAN very, very much. He will leave a vacuum that is going to be difficult to fill. While no one is indispensable in life, I think we can fairly say that MIKE KIRWAN represented about the best that is humanly possible in his service to his people, his State, and to our country and in his love of this body and in his dedication to the service of the United States not only on the domestic level but also on the foreign level. MIKE KIRWAN had developed to the point of being an institution in his district and in this body, an institution based upon respect and based upon affection.

In his passing I have lost a very dear and valued friend whose memory I shall always treasure.

The House of Representatives has lost one of its finest, noblest, and most effective Members.

I know I express the sentiments of all my colleagues when I extend to Mrs. Kirwan and her loved ones our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. GERALD R. FORD. Mr. Chairman, all of us who had the privilege and the honor of knowing MIKE KIRWAN are deeply grieved by his passing. Of course, during his extended illness it was a matter of deep concern to us that he was not with us and was suffering.

MIKE, by any standard, was a most, most unusual man. He was, in the finest American tradition, a self-made man and this is one of the highest tributes I can pay any man.

His life, as I saw it, exemplified the typical American success story, and this is certainly a success story unmatched in my time in the political arena.

MIKE was a colorful individual in a wonderfully unique way. When they made MIKE they broke the mold and threw it away. There was

nobody else like him, during my association with literally hundreds of Members of the House, and I doubt that in the future there will ever be one like him.

We all knew MIKE as a really great guy and also as an outstanding legislator. MIKE knew what the rules were and he played the game in a fine style and in a fair way. He wanted to win if he thought he was right, and he usually did, but he did it in a fine, upstanding, typically American way.

I can say without hesitation or qualification that I will miss MIKE KIRWAN a great deal. I was privileged to know him especially well because of my previous service on the Committee on Appropriations, where MIKE served so long and so exceptionally well.

I can say from the bottom of my heart that MIKE KIRWAN was one of the great giants in this House during the time in which I have served here.

He was a dear friend, and one that I shall miss very greatly in the months and years ahead. It is with the most heartfelt feelings I extend my condolences to MIKE's family and his friends. We shall all remember him most fondly.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Chairman, MIKE KIRWAN stood out in this Chamber as one of the most remarkable men of our generation. He stood on the horizon like a tall tree, and to paraphrase Edwin Markham, when he fell he went down like a kingly cedar, and left a lonesome place against the sky.

MIKE KIRWAN, as the distinguished gentleman in the well has said, was a man of many facets. To me he typified, in an individual way, the American dream. He came from the coal mines of his native Pennsylvania up to the Capitol of his Nation in his long struggle against great odds. In his determination, he succeeded not only in his life's work but also in becoming an outstanding human being among his fellows.

MIKE was a pillar of the House and of the Democratic Party. He was the second ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee, chairman of its great Public Works Subcommittee, and chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee.

No man is more responsible than he for our country's expanded water resource development, including flood control, pollution con-

trol, water supply, power generation, navigation, irrigation, and recreation. No man worked harder to protect and develop our priceless and irreplaceable national resources. He was the staunch guardian of our national forests, our fish and wildlife, and our great public lands.

MIKE KIRWAN believed deeply in investing in the development of human beings: He was the devoted friend and advocate of the student, the poor, and the American Indian. He spent his lifetime paving the way that others might have a better life and better opportunities.

I agree with the distinguished minority leader that when MIKE was made by the good Lord he broke the mold, because while he was in a sense a typical although outstanding Horatio Alger story personified, at the same time he was one of the most unique individuals I have ever known. Like Napoleon; he had no model and no successor. He was the one and only MIKE.

MIKE KIRWAN was a friend of man; he was my friend; he was a great colleague. I shall miss him as long as I live.

Mr. Chairman, I join all my colleagues in extending to Mrs. Kirwan, to their family, their children and grandchildren and friends my deepest sympathy.

Mr. BOGGS. I subscribe wholeheartedly to what has been said by our distinguished Speaker, by our distinguished minority leader, by our distinguished majority leader, and the others who come here today to pay a tribute to MIKE KIRWAN. It is certainly not a last tribute, because anyone who spent 30 years with him, as I did, could never contemplate this being a last tribute. His mark is left on all of those who knew him or were associated with him.

MIKE KIRWAN was a man's man, yet he was beloved by woman; he was a dedicated man, yet an understanding man; he was a man who loved his constituency, and yet he had the breadth and the knowledge to understand that it was only a part of a great continental nation.

MIKE was a builder above all. His monuments are everywhere.

There were so many qualities that MIKE KIRWAN had that one fails to find adequate words to describe them: His sense of deep loyalty to his family, his church, his country, his party, and his

friends; his knowledge; his keen understanding of the American political scene; and his awareness of the ancient admonition that he who does not understand the connection between morality and politics does not understand either one.

So we just bid MIKE farewell. Every man who served with him shares a part of MIKE. In the immortal words of John Donne, "Do not send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

In a sense all of us are lesser men because of MIKE KIRWAN's having left us.

The people of Ohio—and, indeed, the people of the United States—lost an able and devoted leader with the passing of MIKE KIRWAN.

When I first came to Congress, in 1940, MIKE KIRWAN was already known as an able and hard-working Member of this body. He had been elected to Congress for two terms, and had already earned the respect, the esteem, and the affection of all of us who were privileged to serve with him.

MIKE KIRWAN leaves us with a priceless legacy: a lasting example of what a Congressman can and should be. Each of us should aspire to the mark set by this able and dedicated public servant, this unselfish and compassionate human being.

Mrs. Boggs and I have lost a dear friend, and this Congress has lost an able and beloved Member. Together, we express our deepest sympathies to the family of MIKE KIRWAN.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Chairman, I am grateful for this opportunity to join others in tribute to the life, service, and character of our late and beloved friend, MIKE KIRWAN.

America has lost a great and good man.

I have lost a good and always helpful friend. MIKE was a loyal man. Countless and unnumbered are the times when he helped me in my work as chairman.

I had the privilege of serving with him throughout his nearly 28 years on the Committee on Appropriations. While he served on a number of subcommittees over the years: Interior, Public Works, War, Labor-Federal Security, Legislative-Judiciary, and Deficiencies, plus numerous special subcommittees, perhaps his most distinguished—certainly his longest and best-known—efforts were in the

fields of our obligations to the American Indian and in the preservation and development of our precious and priceless natural resources.

His good deeds in behalf of the American people—including, I would add, coming generations—are shiningly inscribed across the pages of American history.

MIKE KIRWAN was the legislative champion of conservation.

He stood tall in his love of America; his love of country burned with the fierceness of a streak of lightning.

He stood tall in the esteem of the people of his Ohio constituency. They sent him here 17 successive times and when his work was done, he ranked seventh in seniority in the service of the House.

But he ranked first in the hearts of his constituency and high in the esteem of his colleagues.

The work of his hands will stand with time.

Though a man of humble beginnings, he rose to a position of great public trust.

MIKE KIRWAN's tireless efforts and lasting accomplishments recall President Kennedy's observation that any man can change the world and every man should try.

That is one of his great legacies to posterity.

May God bless his memory and give comfort to Mrs. Kirwan and all of his loved ones.

Mr. Chairman, as a further tribute to this distinguished American, I include at this point the set of resolutions adopted by the Committee on Appropriations on the day of MIKE KIRWAN's passing.

The resolutions follow:

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LATE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. KIRWAN OF OHIO

Whereas, on July 27, 1970, the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, full of years and full of honors and in his 34th consecutive year as a Member of the United States House of Representatives, answered the last roll call and joined the Congress of the Hereafter; and

Whereas, Mr. KIRWAN was one of the most devoted, respected, and beloved Members ever to serve in the Halls of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Mr. KIRWAN, through his nearly 28 years as a Member of the Committee on Appropriations, recognizing the serious neglect of the precious and priceless natural resources of our Nation, became America's legislative

champion of conservation with an unexcelled dedication to the protection, preservation, and development of these resources, thereby lifting up a standard for others to follow; and

Whereas, throughout his 27 years of service on the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of Interior and Related Agencies, including 13 years as its Chairman, Mr. KIRWAN vigorously and successfully supported more adequate provision for the education, welfare, health, and resource development of the American Indian, for the preservation and development of our national park system, our national forests, our fish and wildlife and mineral resources, and management of the great public lands of the West; and

Whereas, during his 15 years as a member of the Subcommittee on Appropriations for Public Works for Water, Pollution Control and Power Development and Atomic Energy Commission, including the last 6 years as its Chairman, Mr. KIRWAN provided outstanding leadership in expanding the essential water resource development of the country, including flood control, pollution control, water supply, power generation, navigation, irrigation, and recreation; and

Whereas, the thousands of completed public projects and facilities, yielding innumerable benefits to this and coming generations, are living testimony to the foresight, perseverance, and persuasion of Mr. KIRWAN; and

Whereas, Mr. KIRWAN, a deeply religious man, prideful of his humble beginnings and epitomizing what Emerson had in mind when he said that America was but another name for opportunity, was possessed of those qualities of honesty, simplicity, candor, and genuine goodness of character which gained him the respect and love of his colleagues and a national circle of friends; and

Whereas, Mr. KIRWAN, over his long years of ceaseless effort and dedication, contributed mightily and lastingly to the building of a better America; and

Whereas, surely time will surround the work of his hands with a lasting veneration; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Members of the Committee on Appropriations, sharing the universal feeling of grief at the loss of this truly great American and legislative champion who has crossed the river to rest in the shade, extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kirwan and others of the family, to his relatives, and others of that wide circle of admiration and universal respect; and, be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the journal of the Committee, a copy sent to Mrs. Kirwan, and that arrangements be made to include a copy in the appropriate ceremonial proceedings of the House of Representatives.

Adopted July 27, 1970.

Mr. BOW. Mr. Chairman, I am reminded of those words of Longfellow:

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

MIKE KIRWAN has left his footprints on the sands of time, not only in this country, but throughout the world.

I am particularly reminded of the great effort MIKE KIRWAN made on behalf of the people of Samoa. That island territory was, in a sense, the poorhouse of the Pacific. But, because of the great work there that MIKE KIRWAN was responsible for during his tenure as chairman of the Committee on the Interior and Insular Affairs, it is now a pearl in the Pacific. Through his efforts the children of Samoa now receive education, roads have been built, and industries have been developed. This is just one of the many places in the world that will always be a better place to live, because it is indelibly marked with the footprints of MIKE KIRWAN.

But most of all, Mr. Chairman, I am reminded of his efforts on behalf of his own district. Because of MIKE KIRWAN, dams and reservoirs have been built, and industries kept there. It is my great fortune that, in a redistricting not long ago, part of his district was assigned to me, including a good bit of his home county, Mahoning County. In the work that I have done in that county in the past I have never ceased to admire and respect the great affection the people of his home town and county had for him.

Last week we attended the funeral rites for MIKE KIRWAN. A feeling of great sadness was evident all over the city. The flags were flying at half mast and all the city buildings were draped in mourning. They remember him; they will not forget him.

Mr. Chairman, there is much that can be said about MIKE KIRWAN as a legislator, and as a statesman, but to me the great strength of MIKE KIRWAN was his capacity to be a friend. Regardless of which side of the aisle one was on, MIKE KIRWAN was a friend, a devoted friend, and one that all could turn to.

So, Mr. Chairman, I shall miss him, but I cannot feel that he will be gone from this Chamber because his accomplishments will always be remembered. Many of us will hope to continue what MIKE KIRWAN did here for his country, and for the people we all represent.

To Mrs. Kirwan and the children I extend my condolences—but

he has lived long and well, and God was good to him. I am certain there must be a feeling in that family of joy at having shared life with him, and gratitude that God made him the man he really was and kept him with them for so many years. He was a magnificent man and we shall all miss him so very much.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. RIVERS. Mr. Chairman, the death of MIKE KIRWAN is a tragedy. It has come at the wrong time in the critical era through which we are passing but death never takes a holiday. Death knows no season. The poet has said:

> The leaves have their time to fall, the rose to wither at the north winds breath, but thou hast all seasons for thine own, Oh, Death.

Mr. Chairman, MIKE KIRWAN was a poor man's Congressman. MIKE KIRWAN was the idol of those who labor. He was an authority on poverty because he endured poverty in his early days. He used to reminisce about the days when he "rode the rods." He spoke of the days when he was a hobo. He spoke of the days of labor's fight for survival during the early days of the labor movement—of which he was a part. MIKE KIRWAN's formal education was limited, but his knowledge was great. He knew America as few men do—north, east, south, and west and every section loved him. In the House of Representatives he had no enemies. He was unanimous. He had the affection of men of all areas and all political convictions. He defended the institutions of the House and he was contemptuous of those who tried to tear these monuments down. Mr. Speaker, MIKE KIRWAN was the epitome of Markham's tribute to Lincoln when he said:

> He held his place—Held the long purpose like a growing tree—Held on through blame and faltered not at praise. And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down as when a lordly cedar, green with boughs, goes down with a great shout upon the hills, and leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

In these hallowed halls, the void MIKE leaves will never be filled.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, I cannot very well say any more than what has been said about MIKE KIRWAN.

But I would like to supplement what the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Bow) said about Samoa and the educational system in Samoa.

MIKE pioneered in this field. You should know that this country now has a contract with the Indian Government to orbit television

and will broadcast into 2,000 Indian villages where they have no schools and bring education to them.

This is going to be one of the great things in the space effort because it can be applied all over the world, and those of us who loved MIKE KIRWAN can say that he pioneered in this field.

Mr. ROONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, it is with a heavy heart that I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to the late Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN of Ohio. "MIKE" KIRWAN was more than a colleague to me, he was a long time dear friend with whom I traveled over a good part of the world and a man I greatly admired, and will greatly miss. I had the good fortune to know MIKE ever since I came to the House of Representatives in 1944 and to serve with him for 25 years on the House Committee on Appropriations. MIKE was a true "pro" and I can remember fondly the help he was to so many of us when we were newly come to this body. MIKE was a candid man and spoke his mind and the reaches of his mind were vast. He was interested in the environment back in the days when it was not an "in" thing to be so. He was a conservationist who was greatly responsible for saving many of our national resources. He devoted much of his time to Indian affairs and was deeply concerned about his fellow man. He had a certain crispness about him that comes from making it on your own. He had about 3 years of formal education and sweated as a young boy in the coal mines, worked as a railroad brakeman, lumberjack, oilfield roustabout and a farm hand before entering politics. But this work did not embitter him, rather it broadened him and gave him a warmth and love for life that he communicated to all around him. We shall miss a true friend, a giant of a man. To his lovely wife Alice, his sons and daughter and all his family I extend my deepest sympathy and prayers in this trying time.

Mr. Chairman, last Thursday, along with many of our colleagues I attended the funeral services for MIKE in Youngstown, Ohio, in his parish church, St. Brendans. The pastor of St. Brendan's, the Right Reverend Monsignor William P. Maxwell, V.F., delivered a moving eulogy which I shall now share with my colleagues. Monsignor Maxwell's remarks which compose a true picture of MIKE, follow:

MY DEAR MRS. KIRWAN, members of your family, and your relatives:

the sincere sympathy of all here assembled, that of the people of this whole area and in many distant places, is yours today. We pray our loving Saviour to ease the burden of sorrow and to lift the weight of sadness that the death of Mr. KIRWAN has brought. We trust the tribute of this gathering and the innumerable words of praise spoken during these days will give some degree of pleasure and a rightful pride to lighten the darkness brought by his passing to eternity.

Reverend members of the clergy, revered religious, distinguished associates in government, honorable civil officials, grateful constituents and loyal friends of "MIKE" KIRWAN: your presence here on this sad occasion, together with that of so many who would like to be here, constitutes a strong, earnest and enduring tribute.

It is unnecessary to recount for you the many achievements of Mr. KIRWAN. There is universal agreement that his life has been highly successful. His difficulties and his triumphs should give inspiration and example to those whose way of life is hard. His sturdy qualities of truthfulness, honesty, human concern, and foresight, encourage and confirm the natural benefits of these qualities to all of us. And, Oh! how we could do with a massive emulation of his love of country and pride in this great nation of ours!

His speech was always candid; sometimes as one writer commented "without rhetoric or polished grammar"—but always understandable. On one occasion he stated that the secret of success in politics is nothing more nor less than "telling the truth."

"The American people are not dumb. They may be confused about a lot of things; but they are not dumb. D'ya see the point I mean?"

Mr. KIRWAN challenged his audiences, when campaigning to watch his honesty. "Watch me like a hawk," he would say. "If you catch me taking a short cut, you're fools if you don't vote me out of office." Perhaps we might say his scorn for the glamor side of government and his disdain for a "phony" anywhere spring from his deep sense of honesty.

The list of his accomplishments is a long and varied one. For his own district, adjoining areas, in distant parts of the country, even in the Pacific islands. Many of these measures received prompt backing because their need or usefulness was readily seen. Others, the importance of which he perceived clearly, were seen but slowly by his colleagues. Patience, sometimes impatience, and determined perseverance finally won his goals in most cases. While I am deeply impressed by his constructive efforts to secure educational opportunities for American Indians and children in the far reaches of the Pacific, there is another instance of his concern that is amazing. Interested somewhat by chance in the need to wipe out a certain beetle that was destroying a vast timber area in the West, he secured the money from Congress and saved a great amount of timber, sufficient in quantity to build more than a million five-room homes! But it is not the magnitude of the results that amaze me; rather it is his readiness to help in a worthwhile undertaking.

Despite his contacts with people of note and distinction and his participa-

tion in events of tremendous importance he never lost the common touch. He enjoyed these contacts and his part in great affairs; he even showed a justifiable pride: yet he was essentially a simple and humble man. To one and all he was glad to answer to the friendly name of "Mike". And he judged a man not by who he was but by what he was, with a special warmth for the man he called "Joe Doakes".

It has been said that he was a devout man because he made frequent use of a rosary. I was delighted to learn that his attachment to this old fashioned devotion was so well known. I understand how—as his fingers moved over the worn beads and he murmured through habit his Paters and Aves—be beheld vividly in his mind a review of some of the outstanding events in the life of Christ, from His birth to His death and resurrection. And along the way he watched the gracious concern of Jesus for His mother. Through this meditation he renewed his allegiance to his Lord, drew inspiration and courage, found strength to meet his own problems and to continue his work for the good of mankind.

I would not say he was devout because he said his rosary, but rather he said his rosary because he was devout. He did not wear his religion on his sleeve, as the saying is. He lived it. It was part of him; not something to be considered separately from himself. His concern for others, his idealism, his charity: these things were not some special features of the man; they were part of him, an external expression of his spirituality. Yes, I would say he was a devout man.

Because he was a devout and humble man it was his wish to have his last earthly function in his parish church; in his church of St. Brendan in which he has worshipped God for more than half of his long life. Here with his family, in the midst of his neighbors, with his friends from near and far gathered round, he wanted to lay down his earthly labors and enter into the joy of the Lord. In seeking this simplicity I feel he was expressing the desire to emphasize the spiritual on this occasion. He had a great balance in the importance of worldly and spiritual things. He echoed the scriptural question: "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

He was a good parishioner. While regular in his attendance at church he was in no way ostentatious. He received the Sacraments and participated to the extent he could in the activities of the parish. He was not one to interfere, to be critical or demanding; and yet, on occasion, he made kindly, interested and helpful suggestions. In the twenty-five years I have known him he never refused a request made of him for the parish, whether it was of his time, his presence, or his purse.

His name and achievements will be long remembered. He goes now to receive his reward for a life of service to his family and to his fellow men, and for a life of faithful love of his Creator. In the light of Glory, in the very presence of God, he will experience what "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things God has prepared for those that love Him." Into that glorious realm our thoughts and our

prayers go with him. And before the throne of the Most High God he will continue to represent us—to put in a prayerful word for each of us. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Mr. BELCHER. Mr. Chairman, I have lost a wonderful friend. Ohio has lost a champion—as has Oklahoma—and the Nation has lost a patriot and statesman.

The death of MIKE KIRWAN leaves a great hollow in the hearts of all his friends and a great void in the leadership of the Congress.

In their beautiful resolution of tribute to MIKE, his colleagues on the Committee on Appropriations referred to him as "one of the most devoted, respected, and beloved Members ever to serve in the Halls of the House of Representatives." In no respect did they overstate the case.

Here was a man who truly knew what it means to be an American—what it means to live in a land of freedom and opportunity—if ever any man did. For he rose from the humblest of beginnings, faced tremendous hardships, went to work while still a small boy and learned at an early age the meaning—and the value—of hard but honest toil.

But he overcome all the obstacles—the early death of his father from "miner's asthma," the lack of formal education, the years in the mines, the grueling physical labor, the war, the depression—and made a monumental success of his life and an enviable contribution to the improvement of life in his Nation: this free Nation which had given him life's greatest gift—opportunity. What a tremendous message this life brings to those today who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

MIKE KIRWAN had great compassion. But he knew the difference between compassion and the sentimental "dogoodery" which so often passes for compassion in today's world. MIKE knew how to cry and he knew how to fight. He knew how to laugh—as perhaps only the Irish do—and he knew how to win an argument. And he had one special gift for the role he played in Congress—he knew how to give without being taken.

For several years now, MIKE KIRWAN has been my neighbor down the hall in the Rayburn Office Building. His was a friendly, jovial office—the nearer it got to St. Patricks Day the more friendly and jovial it got—and it was a hardworking office. You learn a lot about

a neighbor. MIKE's office bore his distinctive mark—and he was a good neighbor.

But perhaps the greatest thing about MIKE KIRWAN was the way he loved this country. Public works projects all around the land are an enduring and working monument to this magnificent conservationist. And no one owes him a deeper debt of gratitude than the people of Oklahoma and the people of my first congressional district, where very soon the Arkansas River will be navigable to the port of Catoosa, just outside Tulsa, and the heartland of America will become a veritable garden spot and a new center of commerce because of the foresight and support of Ohio's MIKE KIRWAN.

I salute him. I shall deeply miss him. And I join with my colleagues and with Mrs. Belcher in extending my deepest sympathy to his dear wife and to his family.

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Chairman, today we pay tribute to the memory of a great American, a great Ohioan, and a great Congressman, the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, Representative from Ohio.

His work in this body over 34 years adds to the great legend of the House of Representatives.

The times of MIKE KIRWAN were not ordinary—and MIKE was not an ordinary man or an ordinary Member of the Congress.

MIKE KIRWAN came to Washington after an early life of hardship and poverty. He came from a large family, he worked in the mines as a breaker boy, he worked in the lumber mills, he worked in the steel mills. In his times, he did the work of two men. He labored a normal man's span of hard work before he came to Congress in 1936. His work in Washington began a second labor. The first 50 years of his life were spent in working for the support of his family. The next 34 years were spent in working for his fellow man.

MIKE KIRWAN represented Youngstown—"Steel City, U.S.A." As a man, he was as tough as the steel which was produced in his district. It was a sorry and wiser man who tested either his strength or his determination. Anyone who lost a fight against MIKE KIRWAN—remained the loser. In his conflicts with others, he won both the battle and the war.

And yet there was a tenderness about the man which surfaced time and time again. In his own life experience, he could outline the tragic sequence of the misery of man and the efforts of the law to

make things better. His heroes were the doers of these times—President Roosevelt, President Truman, President Kennedy, and President Johnson. The New Deal, the Fair Deal, the New Frontier, and the Great Society were the milestones in his life—the markers of progress in making our society respond to its times.

MIKE KIRWAN worked at the crucible and at the forge which made these legislative programs a firm and permanent part of what is the law of the land. In all of the laws which have increased the opportunity of the American people and the security and the dignity of every American citizen, MIKE had his part.

The gentleman from Youngstown, Ohio, has helped make the laws of the land as strong, as serviceable, as useful to man—as the steel produced in his home community. They will endure. They are his monument. They are lasting testimony of his dedicated service to his fellow man.

This man was dean of our delegation. He was my friend. My profound sympathy extends to his wife and his family. This man did not live unto himself—this man lived and worked indeed for his neighbor and for his times.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Chairman, I shall never forget the first visit that I remember MIKE KIRWAN making to Oklahoma with his lovely wife, and the impact that he made upon the people of Oklahoma that he visited there. MIKE KIRWAN could have been elected Governor, Senator, or President, as far as the people of Oklahoma were concerned. He was an adopted son of Oklahoma, and he will be deeply missed for all time.

I would like to include in the Record, as part of this tribute today, the wonderful tribute that appears in Senator Kerr's book "Land, Wood, and Water," and also the words of Joe McCaffrey, one of the finest newsmen of the Nation's Capital, in his tribute to MIKE, along with a partial list of the many honors, awards, and degrees that were conferred upon this great American.

It would take many pages to list all of the honors and tributes which were extended to MIKE KIRWAN in his lifetime.

A memorable picture of MIKE KIRWAN appeared several years ago in the book, "Land, Wood, and Water" by Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma:

A government station wagon skidded around a sharp turn and stopped on the edge of a steep cliff. Below was a sight that never fails to stir the souls of men, a swiftly running river. A strange figure for this primitive wilderness hopped agilely out of the car. Beside his guide's tanned leathery face, he looked pale. He wore a Homburg hat jauntily, and an overcoat. He said in a voice slightly touched by an Irish brogue, "So this is it!"

"Yes, Congressman," replied the driver, "this is Clearwater River, and down there is Bruce's Eddy."

The Representative peered down into the deep canyon and remarked in a tone of awe, " 'Tis beauty and power both, if you see what I mean."

This was Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, onetime coal miner, railroad laborer, and knockabout. There is much of the spirit of Wesley Powell, George Maxwell, and George Norris in him, and he had made many of their dreams come true. Though representing the steaming industrial district of the Youngstown, Ohio area, MIKE KIRWAN has made deserts bloom, brought cheap electric power to remote farms, and saved hundreds of river towns from the grasping catastrophe of flood.

The picture is broadened by some additional excerpts from the Senator's book:

The story is told of Congressman MIKE KIRWAN, a great modern champion of water development, being asked in Boise, Idaho, "Why is it, Congressman, that you, a Representative from Ohio, are so interested in water development of the West?"

The Congressman stood a moment without answering. His eyes followed the path of cars back and forth on the busy street. Then he said in a voice faintly colored by the brogue of his ancestral Ireland, "Water development and irrigation bring prosperity. Prosperity means people will buy cars. And every car going up this street has some steel in it made in my home town of Youngstown, Ohio."

Congressman KIRWAN is Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee that passes on funds for reclamation, irrigation, water conservation, and hydroelectric power. Without his shrewd bargaining skill, his timeless patience, his stubborn will and immense dedication to conservation, many dreams would have been broken in the complex wilderness of Congressional appropriations. When the chips are down and the committee doors closed, it is this sentimental Irishman, hard-headed scrapper and dreamer, who has come through with the money.

Day after day, in his small committee room deep in the bowels of the Capitol, MIKE KIRWAN pores over papers and questions witnesses with the enthusiasm of a young priest winning his first convert. Then he packs his bag and goes out to look over the lay of the land.

This particular trip to Clearwater Lake began hundreds of miles away, following the course of a great river all the way to a proposed dam site and reservoir in the mountains of Idaho.

He told his guide, "Let's go down and have a look."

The station wagon crept down a steep hill. Along the river's edge, KIRWAN got out and eagerly walked along a beaten path used by fishermen. With each step his enthusiasm grew. "For sure," he said, "this is a good site. I can see how easy it will be to dam and impound the river and irrigate the land. We'll get it through."

The guide, a little uneasy in the presence of this powerful figure, grinned happily. MIKE KIRWAN's words meant that another dream would come true.

Many of his colleagues have wondered why his grandfather who had toiled in the black depths of a Pennsylvania mine as a boy and had later worked as a railroad trainman, would be so interested in water and the arid lands.

"What does he get out of it?" some ask.

The answer is simple. MIKE KIRWAN believes in the best of all possible worlds, and wants to hasten the day of its reality. As a youth, he traveled about the West, hitching rides on freights, working in the wheat fields, lumber camps, and ranches. He saw all the terrifying waste of land and resources that drove Powell, Maxwell, and Norris to their evangelism. While KIRWAN rarely speaks in the House, once in awhile his feelings boil over and he talks from a full heart.

A few years ago when the cry of "economy" was clumsily cutting conservation budgets, the graying KIRWAN, still as tough a fighter as in his youth, rose in the great well of the House of Representatives and said:

"I was raised in the foothills of the Pocono Mountains, and I remember the warnings in the early nineties against the waste of our resources. 'It is wrong. You will live to regret it,' they said. We were going into the forest and burning trees that it took God two hundred years to grow. What was the result? Today, we have to go to Canada for lumber and wood products and pay three times the price. We have wasted land and water just because we are afraid to spend a dime."

The restless rustling in the House died down. The Speaker sat stiffly on his dais and looked affectionately at this stocky figure. "We are wasting our resources, and the payoff when it comes will be terrific; all because we have not had the courage to spend money to save our resources. From Maine to California, there is waste and destruction of our natural resources, yet every time we try to appropriate some money to correct it, the cry is that we must economize."

He looked earnestly at the members and went on, "If you will spend a few million dollars correcting the evils that went on for two hundreds years, you can do something for posterity. Don't listen to those who will tell you, 'Those are the sins of our fathers.' I say we are committing sins today against our land, and if we do not hurry up and make a fair confession, God help this country for the next hundred years. Take a look at Lake Erie," he demanded. "A part of that area is in my district, where the original marker was placed just a hundred short years ago to divide Ohio from Pennsylvania. The marker today is back three miles from where they placed it. Can you imagine the highways, the buildings, the land that dropped into the lake? Erosion did it.

Oh no, you cannot evade your responsibility and still have a $200 billion income."

There is a great deal of George Norris in MIKE KIRWAN. When he sees a river running swiftly down its narrow course, he envisions the huge gleaming dam and the power converted into low-cost electricity, lighting homes far across the lonely land. This has placed him in the frontline of an angry, ceaseless battle fought in the corridors, the cloakrooms, and on the floor of Congress.

His is the spirit that moves mountains and wins minds. In every corner of the land, in city councils, state legislatures, and Congress, there are men like MIKE KIRWAN bringing ever closer the great hope that rivers can be transformed into benefactors of mankind.

Mr. Chairman, I agree with every word Senator Kerr wrote about MIKE KIRWAN. He was a close and dear friend, and one of the greatest Americans of our century. It was a privilege to have served with him for nearly 18 years in this House.

Another fine picture of our colleague was painted in the tribute of Joe McCaffrey on July 27 to MIKE KIRWAN:

MIKE KIRWAN lived at the University Club when Congress was in session, but he never saw the inside of a college or university as a student, hadn't for that matter, gotten as far as high school. One evening at a dinner at the Club the guests had to rise and give their school and year. When it came MIKE'S turn he rose and said, "Heidelberg, 1910". And as he told the story later, he would add, "Let them track that down".

Before he was a teenager MIKE had set out to make his living. He worked in the oil fields, he worked on the railroads, he crisscrossed the country until he went into service in World War One.

When he came to Congress in the big Democratic sweep of 1936 he knew as much about the 48 states as any University man, and his love for his country was as great or even greater. As a member of the Appropriations committee MIKE served for some time as chairman of its Interior subcommittee, charged with funding the Interior department and its reclamation projects around the country.

One of the best speeches ever made in the House was one the tough, old Irishman from Youngstown gave without a note presenting the Interior budget. For almost an hour, KIRWAN recited the needs of the country with the conservation fervor of Teddy Roosevelt, he ticked off project after project which was included in the bill, and pointed out what a great investment every dollar would be because it was doing something positive for the country. When he finished he was given a standing ovation.

He later took over the Public Works Committee on Appropriations and because of his work there and on the Interior Committee he was better known in many parts of the west than in his home state of Ohio.

MIKE was an individual, one of the few to survive the antiseptic even sterile politics of the last few years. There aren't many more because television, unfortunately, has developed a new kind of politician. But there are few who will contribute as much to their country as MIKE KIRWAN contributed over the last thirty years.

MIKE KIRWAN was a man who was "for" thinks, a positive man, not a negative, "aginer".

Mr. Chairman, I agree with Joe McCaffrey in every word of his tribute.

A partial list of the honors, awards, and degrees conferred upon Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN follows:

OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Doctor of Humanities honorary degree—awarded for his contribution to the welfare of the American Indian and for his endeavors in pushing through for completion the greatest program of Conservation and Reclamation ever known to man. Presented March 25, 1960.

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY, VINCENNES, INDIANA

Doctor of Laws Degree *honoris causa.* Presented June 6, 1960.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTESVILLE, ARKANSAS

Doctor of Laws Degree *honoris causa.* Presented for Congressman KIRWAN's support of the multi-purpose development of the Arkansas River Valley. Presented January 28, 1961.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO, TOLEDO, OHIO

Doctor of Laws Degree *honoris causa.* Presented June 7, 1961.

YOUNGSTOWN UNIVERSITY, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Doctor of Conservation—awarded for outstanding efforts in the field of Conservation. Presented May 28, 1963.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

Honorary Doctor of Civil Laws Degree. Present August 9, 1963.

CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY, WILBERFORCE, OHIO

Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. Presented August 6, 1967.

COWBOY HALL OF FAME, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Charter Life Membership—presented March 25, 1960. Membership includes the late Will Rogers, the great humorist, and others who did so much

in the development of the West, also, Charles Creighton, who was born in Ohio in 1820 and died in 1890. Though he did not go beyond the sixth grade in school, he built the first telegraph line from St. Louis to San Francisco, doing his own surveying. He founded the City of Omaha, Nebraska and Creighton University.

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY PIONEERS

Honorary Member—in recognition of vision and devotion in advocating and supporting the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the creation of the Eighth Sea. Presented June 29, 1961.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Appointed by Speaker John W. McCormack on January 15, 1962, as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Appointed by Speaker John W. McCormack on January 15, 1962, as a member of the Joint Committee on Construction of a Building for a Museum of History and Technology for the Smithsonian Institution.

NATIONAL FISHERIES AND AQUARIUM BOARD

Appointed by Speaker John W. McCormack on January 26, 1963.

NATIONAL FISHERIES INSTITUTE

An award recognizing efforts in establishment of a National Fisheries Center and Aquarium in the District of Columbia. Presented April 29, 1963, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL

Life Membership was presented for outstanding leadership to promote the welfare of Veterans of the Armed Services of the United States. Presented January 18, 1954.

UNITED LABOR CONGRESS, AF OF L, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Humanitarian Award presented for staunch support of organized labor—being an outstanding humanitarian and a great American, April 15, 1958.

MAHONING VALLEY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS

Award for his efforts in behalf of Conservation in the Mahoning Valley. Presented February 20, 1961.

ASSOCIATED MOTOR CARRIERS OF OKLAHOMA, INC.

Certificate of Merit conferred for having shown outstanding leadership and service to the people of Oklahoma through statesmanship and sympathetic understanding of their problems. Presented July 30, 1959.

NORMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORMAN, OKLA.

Honorary Lifetime Membership in recognition of his many years of outstanding service to our country in the Congress of the United States.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF OHIO

Medallion—presented for Distinguished Service to the Mahoning Valley Industrial Region. Presented March 9, 1961.

ARKANSAS BASIN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Certificate of Life Membership awarded in sincere appreciation for outstanding leadership through the years and for unwavering support and dedicated service to the program of water resource development. Presented March 13, 1964.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Elected a Congressional Founding Member and a participant in its program to encourage a better understanding of American History through the spread of information on the founding, growth, and significance of the United States Capitol, as a symbol of free representative government.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Award of Merit presented in recognition of outstanding accomplishments while serving as a Member of Congress for twenty-eight years; for his efforts while serving as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Interior and Related Agencies; Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee for re-electing Members of Congress; and in recognition of outstanding contributions toward the advancement of the State of California and to Los Angeles County. Presented May 14, 1964.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Award presented in recognition of his long years of dedicated service in behalf of America's war disabled veterans. Presented April 23, 1964.

DUCKS UNLIMITED CONSERVATION SERVICE AWARD, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Award for outstanding contributions to the cause of Migratory Waterfowl Conservation and the preservation of North America's Waterfowl heritage for generations to come. Presented October 5, 1967.

NATIONAL RECLAMATION ASSOCIATION, HONOLULU, HAWAII

Award in recognition of his service to the Reclamation Program of America, of his significant contribution and devotion to water resources development, and of his support for creative water management. Presented November 16, 1967.

THE NEW FRONTIER ORGANIZATION OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

Award in recognition of his 31st year as a distinguished member of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States; With appreciation of his long and outstanding record of public service to his own district and to the Nation at large; Acknowledgement with gratitude his great and successful efforts in bringing to fruition an impressive number of public projects which have materially improved and enhanced the general welfare; With sincerest felicitations on his Birthday with the hope that he may continue to serve his constituents, his party, and the Nation in his distinguished manner for many years to come. Presented January 4, 1968.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD—EASTERN ORTHODOX MEN'S SOCIETY OF MAHONING VALLEY, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Award for outstanding service and significant contribution to the Youngstown Area Community. Presented February 10, 1968.

Mr. Chairman, today's tribute to MIKE KIRWAN is only a small token of the great esteem and affection which Members of this House held in life for this great American. I know that every House Member and every Member's family join today in mourning the loss of this beloved colleague, and join also in sending love and deep sympathy to Mrs. Kirwan and all of the Kirwan family.

Mr. O'NEILL of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, Mrs. O'Neill joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family of MICHAEL KIRWAN. We are deeply grieved over their loss.

The death of MIKE KIRWAN seems to end an era not only in Congress, but also in America. He was one of the last of a kind. As a poverty-stricken child in a mining town in Pennsylvania, MIKE was only able to remain in school through the third grade. However, this did not make MIKE embittered or unconcerned. MIKE lived life to the fullest, taking part in such diverse activities as a migrant worker, streetcar conductor, wanderer, coal miner, and steelworker, invaluable experiences which later made him truly sympathetic to the common man and dedicated toward progressive legislation. He believed in the American dream because he felt he had lived it, and he was going to help others live it also.

As a legislator, he constantly kept his humble origins in mind and as one of the most singularly powerful men in Congress, MIKE made sure that the laborer's rights were always protected. His main con-

cern was to improve the lot of the worker and allow everyone to partake of the good life that MIKE believed America had to offer.

As a friend, MIKE was sincere and loyal. There was never a time when I needed his help that it was not readily given. One never met MIKE when he did not have an amusing story to tell. The times are countless when MIKE would entertain us with his quick wit and Irish charm.

People meant a lot to MIKE, not just the wealthy and powerful, but good people. These are the people to whom his life was dedicated.

MIKE's leadership, warmth, and sparkle will be sorely missed in the Halls of Congress and I will miss his warm friendship.

Mr. REIFEL. Mr. Chairman, MIKE KIRWAN's passing leaves an empty place that cannot be filled for any of us who came to know and love him and cherish his friendship. Out of humble origin in the Pennsylvania coalfields he rose to a position of positive leadership for good in the U.S. House of Representatives. America and her public domain is better preserved for the ages—the Indians have received better treatment because MIKE gave a life of unselfish, dedicated service to the land he loved. He was always grateful for his opportunity to do his share and more. One of his remarks when we last visited was, "My country has been good to me." And I must say, he has not only been good to it, but also good for it. He was among those who did his best to keep America more than a symbol of hope for all her people—he wanted his country to be as it was for him, a land of opportunity and fulfillment for all. My deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the privilege of joining in the tribute to the great statesman and our cherished friend, the late Honorable MICHAEL KIRWAN.

Today I gazed upon the face of a friend for the last time, still in death. The human within me experienced the natural anguish one endures when he sees in death one who "a short time ago lived, loved, felt dawn, and sunset glow." Yet, to the faith we long cherished that the soul is immortal and only the body passes through the normal cycle of life, we now have the comfort of the scientific principle that matter is never destroyed and even invisible energy is but another form of visible mass.

So we know that only the body of MIKE KIRWAN is now in the course of nature's mysterious transformation and renewal of life. Not only is his soul immortal but his life will live on into the infinite future in the numerous friendships, rare in quality, which he made; in the echoes of his innumerable generosities; in the strains of his laughter and his cheerful ways which will ever live in the world he so nobly inhabited; in the face of America which he so magnificently altered and improved, in utilitarian service and in satisfying beauty.

MIKE KIRWAN is an American success story as well as a human epic. From poor boy working in the mines for a few cents a day he rose to be one of the mighty of America, respected, loved and, if the victim of an enemy's assault, feared.

In his party's councils he was strong, dedicated, and bold. So in the councils of his country and his colleagues. Let the eye scan all of America and you will hardly find a place which does not bear the noble imprint of MIKE KIRWAN in the decades that he served his country in this House. And scan the Congress and most parts of America and you will find hands which shall never forget clasping the hand of MIKE KIRWAN, and ears which shall never lose the sound of his warm voice, and hearts in which his generous and brave spirit shall remain.

So MIKE KIRWAN, although he is dead, still lives and will long live. I join my colleagues in tribute to him. I humbly pay him the homage he so richly deserves. I shall ever cherish his friendship.

My wife joins me in tender sympathy to his loved ones.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Chairman, I join in paying tribute to the late Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN.

This is a sad day for all of us, for the people so ably represented in this House by our long time friend, MIKE KIRWAN, for the State of Ohio, and for our country.

Although MIKE's passing was not entirely unexpected, it, nevertheless, came as a shock to us all.

MIKE KIRWAN's service over a long span of life—83 years—was unmatched by few men. He was a builder and a conservationist. Through his powerful influence, vigorous effort, and persuasiveness, numerous projects of service to mankind have been constructed over our Nation.

As chairman of the Subcommittees on the Interior and Public

Works, MIKE always gave everyone a hearing. If the program or project before him bore the margin of benefit to the public, MIKE put his great weight and influence behind it. If it was without merit, he courteously passed it by.

Although a dedicated and loyal Democrat, MIKE KIRWAN was not partisan in his service. Republicans, as well as Democrats, always felt free to seek his wise counsel and assistance, and if their position had merit, they got what they sought.

Mr. Chairman, I have been blessed with many friends. And life would be so dull without them. MIKE was my friend—my personal friend—one of my warmest and dearest friends. Morning after morning I had breakfast with him in the Longworth Cafeteria. Time after time I visited with him in his office. And on so many, many occasions we enjoyed an evening together at a social function, a sporting event, a dinner, or just a gathering of friends. He visited my State on several occasions. On two occasions he came at my request for the purpose of personally inspecting local public works projects. We were privileged to honor him with a dinner on his 80th birthday in Biloxi, Miss. I particularly recall, Mr. Chairman, that the dining room was packed. MIKE charmed them with his humor, his knowledge of government, his simplicity, and his cordial manner.

We are going to miss MIKE KIRWAN. The Nation will miss him. But, Mr. Speaker, we will always remember him for the good he brought to this world and to our country, for his service to us all, for the admiration and love he had for his wife and family, for the joy and happiness he brought to so many, and for his love of God and country. He was a dedicated, devout Christian man.

I wish I could say more, Mr. Chairman. I really do not know how. As MIKE would say, "do you get the point I mean?"

I thank our Creator for the life of MIKE KIRWAN. And I extend the warmest sympathy to his bereaved family.

Mr. PRICE of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, in the name of the delegation of the State of Illinois I express our sincere sympathy to the family of our great friend and colleague MICHAEL KIRWAN.

Mr. Chairman, this tribute to MIKE KIRWAN does not convey adequately my deep feelings for him. These words cannot capture my emotions to their fullest depth in honoring MIKE. He was the kind of man that once you met him you knew you would never forget

him. I knew him for 33 years and the first time I met him I felt as though I had known him for a lifetime. MIKE was simply a great human being who lived life and enjoyed his fellow man.

MIKE KIRWAN was also a visionary. He had a vision of a great America whose resources would be developed to their fullest potential and whose riches would be fully protected. MIKE was an environmentalist long before the word became popular and long before concern over the ecological crisis became such a widespread issue. Who can forget his plea for support of the public works and the Interior appropriation bills each year and his description of these as the "all-American" bills.

MIKE was a pragmatist. He coupled his vision with the practical knowledge of political life. His message was simple and one worth repeating: "To accomplish something you needed power. You do not have to tear down the system to build it up. You work within and change the system by gaining power."

In simple but forceful terms MIKE KIRWAN was what is right with America. He demonstrated how a young man who had to work in the mines as a youngster could become a national political leader, skilled in legislative and party politics. MIKE proved that with determination and industriousness a man could achieve what he wanted.

I deeply mourn MIKE KIRWAN's passing. His absence from this Chamber will diminish its luster. But I am comforted by the warm memory of 33 years of friendship with one of the greatest men with whom I have had the pleasure of serving in the Congress.

Mr. ROGERS of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, I wish to join with the other Members of the House in expressing sympathy to the family of MIKE KIRWAN.

MICHAEL KIRWAN was indeed a strength to this House of Representatives so long as he was a Member. He was first of all an American who understood and appreciated the fact that America was founded upon the good hard work of individuals who wanted to do what was right and step in the right direction.

It was my happy privilege through the time I have been a Member to come to know him well and to love the great MIKE KIRWAN.

As the gentleman from Mississippi and others did, I also had breakfast with MIKE almost every morning, and we had as a result of this an understanding and a knowledge of what was right and what was wrong.

We will miss MIKE in the future. America has lost a great citizen. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife and family.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Chairman, when I first came to the Congress 23 years ago, I remember very vividly meeting MIKE KIRWAN. He stood out, along with the late Sam Rayburn and Joe Martin, as a guiding light to those of us who were new to the Congress.

MIKE KIRWAN was a Congressman's Congressman. He enjoyed helping his colleagues, not only with legislation, but with problems in their respective districts. I do not believe in the history of the Congress there was ever one who did more to develop the natural resources and waterways of our land than did MIKE KIRWAN. There is hardly a river or a harbor in this Nation that does not bear the stamp of his guiding hand in its development.

Although a great Democrat, loyal and devoted to the Democratic Party, MIKE KIRWAN never failed to put his country before political considerations. Indeed, he was a statesman of the highest rank, one who stood tall in the esteem and admiration of all his colleagues.

Mr. Chairman, our beloved colleague not only served his Nation through his magnificent service in the House of Representatives, but he also served his country in time of war. And always he upheld the ideals and principles which made this Nation great. He was a great believer in the free enterprise system, and the story of MIKE KIRWAN, who went from a penniless Irish boy to become one of the leaders of the Congress is an inspiration to men everywhere.

MIKE KIRWAN was also a devoted family man, with fine and wonderful children and grandchildren. It is to these members of his family, and to his devoted wife, Alice, that I express my most heartfelt sympathy, and that of Mrs. Dorn and my family, in the passing of our friend.

Mr. STEED. Mr. Chairman, when historians come to write the true story of how this generation filled its stewardship for conserving our Nation's natural resources, the name of the late Congressman MIKE KIRWAN will stand foremost among those who did the most to keep this great land strong, clean, and good.

His championship of all those things during his many years in the Congress will become a beautiful American legend. His mark today stands in every section of America in the projects built through his

leadership. Projects protecting our lands, conserving our waters and retaining our great public areas and forests bear his signature.

No State was better served because of this man's determined devotion to keeping and building America's resources than did Oklahoma. My fellow Oklahomans knew and loved this great leader. They will cherish his memory as our Indian friends say: "so long as the grass grows and the rivers flow."

There is no Indian tribe in the country, and especially none in Oklahoma, that did not benefit from his knowledge and interest in them as Indians and as people.

My earliest memory of being a fellow congressman with MIKE KIRWAN had to do with the help he gave me for Indians of Oklahoma.

His leadership will be missed but his good works will continue on through the years. I know his wife and his family will find consolation in the high regard with which he was and is held by the citizens of this Nation, and especially by those of us who served with him. I extend my deepest sympathy to them.

Mr. MACDONALD of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to join with those of my colleagues in an expression of personally-felt loss that came over me when I learned of the death of Congressman MICHAEL KIRWAN. When I first came to the House in 1955, MIKE KIRWAN was, of course, a legend in his own time. His position as chairman of the House Democratic Congressional Committee insured that new Members, as well as veteran Representatives, had abundant exposure to the qualities that rendered him so singularly effective for the many roles he was able to fulfill here.

I, for one, shall never forget the kindnesses he offered during the early years, when they were particularly welcome, his practical, pungent wisdom about the ways of the House and congressional politics, nor his Irish wit and gregariousness. I found MIKE KIRWAN's manner and personality particularly congenial. With MIKE KIRWAN there was usually no problem of getting acquainted.

His wit could bite, and I am sure some Members may have occasionally felt the sting of it, or when the chips were down MIKE KIRWAN had no match in the business of practical politics. I need not give testimony here to that fact that MIKE KIRWAN in opposition could be a formidable foe. But if a Member had him as an ally, prob-

lems often seemed to have a way of disappearing, and either way, the fight was always fair.

I would like to make a personal comment about one of Congressman KIRWAN's more famous extracurricular activities. No Member who ever attended one of his memorable series of St. Patrick's Day parties would ever forget it. These celebrations, which became an annual affair, were obviously a source of great satisfaction to him. Despite the fact that, through the years, his hospitality resulted in the largest St. Patrick's Day parties in town, they never became large enough to be impersonal. MIKE's personality provided the cement that could hold hundreds of friends together in a spirit of the warmest friendship.

MICHAEL KIRWAN became what he was as a Member of the House of Representatives through the force of his own abilities. He earned his many friendships the hard way, with sincere and genuine efforts to be a friend, with all the responsibilities that can entail—including the strongest kind of personal integrity. There is not much any of us here today can add to his reputation and esteem. We can, in some small way, celebrate our own good fortune in having been privileged to know him. In my own way, I shall always honor both the memories and the man.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Chairman, I join my colleagues in honoring MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. MIKE as he was known to virtually every senior Member of the House and Senate, became something akin to a congressional institution during his 34 years in Washington. He was known for hard work, for plain talk, for skilled and disciplined leadership. His record of accomplishment—public works projects that brought water to the country's farmlands, that produced energy for its homes and factories, that shielded millions against floods—is monument enough to his work here.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee's Public Works Subcommittee for more than two decades and its chairman for the past 5 years, MIKE fought for pollution control and environmental protection long before such causes became fashionable. Other efforts now modish—conservation of fish and wildlife, for example, or opening up opportunities for the American Indian—were among MIKE's most cherished personal goals during his years on the Interior Subcommittee.

MIKE's contribution to his country—and this, I want to emphasize is not an exaggeration—have not often been paralleled in the Congress. I am proud to have known him as a close personal friend and colleague.

MIKE was born poor. Working in Ohio's grimy coal mines and railroad yards as a young man, he learned respect for honest labor. He never forgot what it is like to be a working man. His ardent support for social legislation—legislation ranging from labor rights to medicare—never flagged during his years in Washington. He traveled widely before entering public life, earning his way as a roustabout in oilfields out west and as a lumberjack in timber camps. During World War I, he was decorated while serving with combat artillery units in France. His background gave him an insight into the diversity of American life and American people—and, still more significantly, an insight into the common bond that links us all as countrymen.

First elected to Congress in 1936, MIKE served Ohio's 19th Congressional District for nearly 34 years.

He served well, Mr. Chairman.

He never shunned a legislative battle for a cause he felt just. He never shrank from an issue merely because it was controversial. He never broke his word to a man or broke faith with the people he represented.

He will be missed here.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Alice, his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Chairman, I insert in the Record a fine editorial from the Youngstown Vindicator of July 28, 1970:

MICHAEL J. KIRWAN

Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, known the country over as simply "MIKE," the one-time coal mine breaker boy, was an indomitable fighter, from his days down in the holes in eastern Pennsylvania's mine section to his era on Capitol Hill. Just as he fought against injustices to the workingman with which he wrestled as a labor union member, he battled valiantly and courageously against the illness which ended a long, unbroken and highly productive career in Congress marked by countless contributions to the welfare and progress of his home district and the nation.

The Youngstown congressman, stricken in his 17th term, was an elementary school dropout, yet by all applicable standards he was an educated

man and one of Congress' most influential. Mr. KIRWAN attained his education in the "bootstrap" manner. In his later years and as a result of his enduring interest in the humanities, conservation and reclamation, he received honorary degrees from numerous colleges and universities. It was noted by a colleague when, in 1961, he was honored by Oklahoma City University, that "In a sense it is the House of Representatives and the American way of life which are honored by the award to Congressman KIRWAN."

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Mr. KIRWAN's formal education was, indeed, limited, but formal education is only one way of arriving at truth. Innumerable contacts and personal relationships with people from virtually all around the world gave him a deep, mature perspective and thorough knowledge of human affairs.

Mr. KIRWAN represented 19th District citizens for nearly 34 years. Among the principal reasons for the congressman's continuity of service are the district's bountiful water supply and accompanying flood control program established because of Mr. KIRWAN's influence in Congress. He was chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee and second ranking member of the Appropriations Committee. He also had spent many vigorous and fruitful years as head of the Democratic congressional campaign committee.

Seniority alone would not have given him the influence he wielded in such groups, his national reputation as a conservation authority or his exalted position in national politics as chairman of the party's campaign committee. It was his strength of character and his outstanding ability which impressed not only his colleagues but those back home who, election after election, chose to send him back to Washington as their spokesman.

As it was in the old adage about the prophet in his own country, some in the 19th District may not have realized the stature which Mr. KIRWAN had attained not only in national politics but also national policies. He probably was even better known throughout the West than he was in his own state because of his work in behalf of reclamation. In 1960 a book by Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, then one of the country's foremost authorities on land and water management, gave considerable space to Mr. KIRWAN who was compared with the late Sen. George Norris of Nebraska for his outstanding efforts for conservation.

Mr. KIRWAN's decisions, indicating his comprehensive grasp of public needs and the manner in which they should be met, earned him the respect of fellow congressmen. The Mahoning Valley, of course, will never forget how much it owes to him for his efforts in behalf of additional water resources and flood control facilities and, naturally, the years of hard work that he put in as he fought for a low-cost method of helping the district's economy, the Lake Erie-Ohio waterway. It was hard for him to accept the fact that people of his own state, including public officials and industrial figures who would have benefited by the proposed canal, never gave him the cooperation that would have helped make the waterway a reality. This undoubtedly was one of the greatest disappointments of his public life.

Mr. KIRWAN was a strong supporter of an adequate national defense even though, with some members of Congress, this policy was never popular. For many years he sought relief for Youngstown in the form of the Crab Creek flood control project upon which work has already been begun. It is unfortunate that he will not be able to see this important operation completed.

It can be said, we believe, that Mr. KIRWAN was staunchly and enthusiastically Democratic, yet he never allowed political expediency to alter his personal philosophy as it concerned district or national policies. He may have been the only man who told his President, face to face, to "go to hell!" President Truman had appointed an Ohian to an important government post without consulting the congressman who told Mr. Truman he was upset. Truman replied that as President he didn't have to consult with anyone and this provoked Mr. KIRWAN's politically historic observation.

We don't mean to imply that Mr. KIRWAN was perfect. In fact, most of his strength came from his humanness, his imperfection. His anger, when aroused, was deep and lasting. Yet this fact, too, probably contributed to his influence in the House; it was a wrath to be feared.

Mr. KIRWAN leaves much to the district and the nation he served so long so well. He had a vital part in what some analysts have called the greatest program of conservation and reclamation ever known to man, and always with the national concept in mind.

It is recalled that in 1961 district industrial leaders honored Mr. KIRWAN for his service to the district and the nation. A. S. Glossbrenner, then president of Youngstown Sheet and Tube, offered a citation which hailed Mr. KIRWAN as a "self-made man who is recognized among men for his great capacity for understanding and accomplishment. Coming from a humble, austere beginning, he fought his way to the top by sheer force of his own character and determination. His life is a symbol of success and light of hope to the people of the world . . . the American success story!"

The Mahoning Valley never has had a representative who accomplished so much, not only for his own district but for the nation as well. He built dams and reservoirs, he helped protect the nation's forests, he fought for water conservation and, above all, his was the dream of a beautiful America, cherishing its resources, which he preached without end.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Chairman, it is a sad day in this House of Representatives as well as in the Nation as we pause to pay final respect to our late colleague from Ohio, Congressman MICHAEL KIRWAN. Congressman KIRWAN had long and distinguished service in this body. His straightforward manner and his reputation for integrity and sincerity helped to earn the respect and affection of Members on both sides of the political aisle.

As a new Member of the House of Representatives in 1963, I had the experience of a brief exchange with Congressman KIRWAN in

connection with a public works appropriation bill. While Congressman KIRWAN appeared to deal sharply with me on that occasion, he later called me to the committee desk and expressed in his frank and open manner a warmth and friendship which persisted from that hour to his final days in this body.

It is not difficult to understand MIKE KIRWAN's rise in prestige and influence in Democratic Party circles. He made fast friends and he held the friendships which he once established. It seems fair to add also that MIKE KIRWAN did not forget his friends. Likewise, MIKE KIRWAN's friends will not forget him.

Mr. Chairman, I will not recount Congressman KIRWAN's record of service and experience in the course of his long and colorful career. Instead, I will observe simply that MICHAEL KIRWAN was a man of honor and great humanity who rose to a position of importance and leadership in his party and in the Nation—and in this body that he loved so well. In addition to this expression for my esteemed friend, I wish also to communicate on behalf of Mrs. McClory and myself our affection and deep sympathy to his widow, Alice, and to other members of Congressman KIRWAN's family.

Mr. FARBSTEIN. Mr. Chairman, the passing of MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN takes from our midst a distinguished public servant whose heritage is embodied throughout the Nation in parks, dams, reservoirs, and water conservation projects. Long before ecology and environmental concerns became popular issues, he championed the cause of future generations. His contribution to the irrigation and power development of the West remains as his most impressive monument, the achievement of a farsighted statesman to whom politics had become a means to an end—the advancement of the common good.

MIKE KIRWAN was a truly representative American, respected by his colleagues in this House and trusted by the people he served so faithfully and well through the years. At the time of his passing he was the second oldest living Member of this body and the seventh-ranking Member in seniority. He was a lifelong and loyal party man, who believed in the inherent vitality of the American two-party system. As chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, he not only toured the land in behalf of the party he loved, but also assisted various of his colleagues who were concerned about

their reelection. I was one of those who was the beneficiary of his assistance, for which I am eternally grateful.

His interests were varied and colorful. At once modest of manner and vigorously determined, he gave effective leadership in many areas. Among his concerns were American Indians and the American territories abroad. He was an honorary member of many tribes, and took pride in the fact. In the Virgin Islands and Guam, he was responsible for vitally needed school and health facilities, established out of his deep concern for human welfare.

His background was wide ranging, and kept him in touch with the aspirations of millions of Americans. A lifelong union member, he was never afraid of hard work nor unfaithful to the legitimate interests of labor. The son of an immigrant coal miner, he worked at times as a breaker boy, a railroad brakeman, and oilfield hand, a lumberjack, and a harvest hand. Later he served on the city council in Youngstown, Ohio.

His was the American story of the poor boy who made good.

In this House, his service on the Public Works Subcommittee was outstanding, yet he found time to serve on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution and on the National Fisheries and Aquarium Advisory Board. His ardent advocacy of a national aquarium has become a legend. His concerns for veterans reflected his experience in World War I with the AEF.

To his widow, Alice; to his sons, John and Michael, Jr.; to his daughter, Mrs. Robert Vaughn; and to all his family and friends; I extend my sincere condolence in their loss, a loss shared by the Congress and by the whole Nation. Surely they are comforted at this time by the memory of his life and achievements, which have deserved the words spoken of old, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Chairman, I too, am very saddened at the passing of my good friend Mike Kirwan, a man I have known and admired since I first came to Washington in 1959. His death, coming after a long and painful struggle, creates a void in this body which can not easily be filled.

In addition to capably serving as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works, he found time to diligently serve his party for 23 years as head of the Democratic Congressional Cam-

paign Committee. For his inspirational work as head of this committee and for his tireless efforts to promote the ideals of the Democratic Party, he shall always be known to me, and I am sure, to many of my colleagues, as "Mr. Democrat."

MIKE was a stouthearted Irish politician whose anecdotes were legend. As a story teller, he was unexcelled and we could listen for hours to the tales of this charming man.

Politics was his life and he lived it to the fullest. Those of us that were fortunate enough to have been close to MIKE can never forget his sparkling wit and the special meaning that he gave to St. Patrick's Day. I am sure that "you get the point I mean." MIKE we will miss you.

On behalf of Mrs. Rostenkowski and myself, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Mrs. Kirwan and to the entire Kirwan family.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Chairman, the death of our beloved colleague, MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN, marked the passing of not only a great public servant but a great American. He possessed the spirit and the energy similar to all the pioneers who make this great Nation the greatest in the world.

MIKE was one of the few pioneers left who, as a boy, was compelled to forgo school in the early grade period and work to support himself and his widowed mother and family. His education was received the hard way. During his youthful working days, he read and studied in order to improve his mental capabilities and better his economic situation. He rose, step by step, to be one of the most influential Members of the Congress of the United States.

Congressman KIRWAN was respected, revered, and honored by all who made his acquaintance. He was called upon to consult with Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, heads of industry, and the leading businessmen of the Nation on matters of legislation and public development.

He was a conservationist, a developer, an advocate and sponsor of dozens of the major public works projects which the citizens of our Nation enjoy today. His life's accomplishments and his success are a glowing example to our present-day American youth of what hard work, honesty, sincerity, and religious devotion can accomplish in this great free land of America. He will be missed by thousands of his

friends and admirers not only in his congressional district and State but throughout our country. I extend to his wife and family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. MOSHER. Mr. Chairman, in the relatively brief period in which I have been privileged to serve in the House of Representatives, I did not have the good fortune to become intimately acquainted with my distinguished Ohio colleague, MICHAEL KIRWAN.

I will always regret that I did not have the opportunity to become better acquainted with MIKE.

As an Ohio neighbor, long before I ever came to Washington, I knew well the tremendous reputation that Congressman KIRWAN had earned as a remarkably influential, respected Member of the House.

So it was that when I arrived here in Washington I looked upon him with considerable awe. He had already become somewhat of a legend.

And so it is, I view his death as a great loss to all of us in the House, to the people of the State of Ohio, and to the American people as a whole. We will miss him greatly.

Mrs. Mosher and all my congressional staff join me in expressing our sympathy to the Kirwan family.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Chairman, I was saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and colleague MIKE KIRWAN, who has so ably represented the 19th Congressional District of Ohio for the past 34 years.

MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN was born in my own State of Pennsylvania, December 2, 1886. He served with distinction in the 64th Artillery, U.S. Army, during World War I. He became a resident of Youngstown, Ohio, and was active there in politics even before he was first elected to the 75th Congress and for a time was a member of the Youngstown City Council.

In the House of Representatives MIKE KIRWAN soon became recognized for his outstanding ability as a legislator and for his friendliness and personal modesty as well. He was always the true friend of the laboring man and ever in the forefront among those seeking progressive labor legislation. As chairman of the influential Public Works Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee he built up a most impressive record of substantial achievements. His accom-

plishments as a member of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Federal Expenditures have benefited all taxpayers and helped promote efficiency in Government operations.

It is a mark of the esteem and friendship in which he was held by his colleagues in the House that MIKE was made chairman in 1947 of the Democratic National Congressional Committee and retained that post of honor until his untimely passing.

I regarded MIKE KIRWAN as a dear personal friend as well as fellow legislator, and I believe that all who have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing him share that feeling. MIKE KIRWAN will long be missed in the House of Representatives and by his host of friends throughout the country. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. WHITTEN. Mr. Chairman, I join with my colleagues in their tribute here to MIKE KIRWAN. I served many years on the Appropriations Committee and for the last few years on his Subcommittee on Public Works.

During all these years we were close friends and never had a difference for MIKE was fair though firm. There was no sectionalism about MIKE. Where he stood you knew and when he talked, you knew what he meant. As the priest who conducted the last services in Youngstown, Ohio, so aptly said, MIKE would close, "You see the point I mean!" We always knew.

He leaves thousands of monuments in a material way, but more than that he made life a little better for so many, and his friends he leaves are limited only by those who knew him.

Our committee, as pointed out by the chairman, adopted a resolution on MIKE's untimely death which expresses better than I could hope to here, our feelings at his loss.

To his beloved wife and family, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. STAGGERS. Mr. Chairman, "man's genius," said the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, some 2,500 years ago, "is a deity." In the case of MIKE KIRWAN, his deity was a passionate belief in the American dream. And he worshipped that deity with unabated zeal throughout a long life devoted to public service. His genius lay in his realization that America was a synonym for opportunity unlimited, a land where success beckoned alluringly to the individual who had the insight and the energy to follow her.

A writer more recent than Heraclitus said:

Genius, that power which dazzles mortal eyes,
Is oft but perseverance in disguise.

Congressman KIRWAN's career is chronicled variously and at length in the news media. But not in the Congressional Directory, where he might be charged with authorship. There his biography consists of a single sentence, taking up barely one line of printed type. It is probably an all-time record for brevity. He believed in deeds, not words.

From the news media we gather that his was a colorful character, colorful because of its straightforwardness, its vigor, its devotion to the cause of his constituents. His people could trust him. We, his colleagues in the House, could trust him. We knew without advance notice on which side of public issues he would be found. It would be on the side of the aspirations and hopes of the people who sent him to Congress, as the Constitution intended a Congressman to be.

His record, as we pick it up from personal knowledge and from what we hear and read, is one uninterrupted story of accomplishment. Starting with little, he amassed around him much in the way of practical achievement, in prestige, and in honor.

It is unnecessary to repeat here what has been so often and so well told elsewhere. The important point is that MIKE KIRWAN was a true exponent of the American spirit which built on this continent a great, rich, and benevolent nation. He did not expect success to be handed to him as a birthright. He lived to carve it out for himself in the heat and sweat of effort. He looked with contempt on that modern tendency which can see no future for active involvement in the competition of mind and muscle for glory and material success. This is a wonderful country, he believed. He did his best to help make it so, and he assumed all good Americans would do the same.

It is fitting then that we pause today to contemplate the virtues of a comrade who was so true to the ideals of his native land, and who labored so persistently and so successfully to perpetuate those ideals. While we mourn his passing, and offer our sincere condolences to his family and close friends, we assert once more our high respect for his accomplishments as a superb legislator. May his career be an inspiration to all of us to work without ceasing for the good of our countrymen!

Mr. TIERNAN. Mr. Chairman, I join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to the memory of MICHAEL KIRWAN, a late and much loved Member of this body. To look at an analysis of "MIKE's" record in the Congress, is to look at a long and powerful list of accomplishment. His achievements as chairman of the Subcommittee on Appropriations for Public Works and as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee are a matter of public record, however, his work behind the scenes in Congress show how great his affect really was.

During most of my tenure in Congress, Mr. KIRWAN has been ill, and relatively inactive. However, as most of you are aware, he enjoyed a long and close friendship with my predecessor, the late John E. Fogarty. Both men resided at the University Club and frequently walked to their offices in the morning. Often these walks were planning sessions on bill strategy, and the record shows how well these plans worked.

Both men were known for their great humanitarian concept. Both men were from simple beginnings and their hearts were filled with the needs of the people they represented. Both men had known poverty and sought through the power they had attained to do all they could to eradicate its debilitating effects. Their accomplishments are staggering.

The 19th District of Ohio was well represented by Mr. KIRWAN and he will be missed by his "people" as he will be missed by this body.

Mr. ANDREWS of Alabama. Mr. Chairman, the death of my dear friend and colleague, the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, is a source of profound sorrow to me. His loss to the House of Representatives, to his native Ohio, and to the Nation is immense—an irreplaceable public servant.

No one had more friends and was more respected than MIKE KIRWAN. For all of my years on the Appropriations Committee, MIKE was a fellow committee member. It is difficult for me to conceive of the committee without him.

MIKE was not only one of the great Members of this body, in which he served for 34 years, he was surely one of the most effective members ever to sit on the Appropriations Committee.

He served on the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of Interior and Related Agencies for 27 years, and he chaired that subcommittee for 13 years.

During those years, MIKE worked tirelessly and effectively for the development of our great national parks and for the preservation of our national forests and wildlife. Conservationists knew MIKE KIRWAN as a friend and a fearless advocate of an unspoiled America.

The American Indian also knew MIKE as a friend and one who exercised his powerful influence for the betterment of those who were the first Americans.

MIKE also served on the Subcommittee on Appropriations for Public Works for 15 years, including 6 as its chairman. There are probably few in this body who are not indebted to MIKE KIRWAN for his leadership in water resource development.

Many of this Nation's great river systems today have been harnessed for water, power, irrigation, navigation, and recreation—all because MIKE KIRWAN had the vision and provided the leadership in getting appropriations for these projects through Congress.

Yet, I shall remember MIKE KIRWAN for more than his special ability and determination to get the job done. I shall remember an honest and simple man, not affected by the well-deserved praise for his many accomplishments or by the seniority that he amassed for his many years of service in Congress.

I shall remember a genuinely good man, a deeply religious man, and a good-natured and proud Irishman who earned for himself only admiration and respect from congressional colleagues, constituents, and friends throughout this country and abroad.

MIKE KIRWAN is gone, leaving a vacuum which can never really be filled, but the memory of this great friend will remain, as will the great parklands, river systems, and wildlife preserves of America—all monuments to the memory of Congressman MIKE KIRWAN.

Mrs. Andrews joins me in extending our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Kirwan and other members of the Kirwan family at this time of their great sorrow.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Chairman, I cannot refrain from remarking upon the sadness of a day which sees the passing of our colleague, MICHAEL KIRWAN, commemorated by the Members of the House of Representatives.

When I came to the House in 1949, MIKE KIRWAN was already an institution, much beloved by everyone who knew him. He took the time to seek out the new Members, and he took an interest in their problems. His friendship was easily given, and his loyalty was as a chain of steel.

MIKE KIRWAN had four great loves—his country, his Ohio district, his friends, and the House of Representatives. But essentially, these were all the same. He knew he could not be false to one of them without being false to all, and he never was.

He had a great view of the Nation, and of the Nation's resources. And he was always the great conservationist, always on the side of development for the common good.

I, like many another Member of this House, could always count on MIKE for sympathetic support of and understanding of the need for various public works projects involving our stream resources. Those of us who come from the Appalachian region of the country found in him a vigorous ally in this field, for he knew the great extent to which development of the region's economy depended upon development of our water resources.

From his position as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works, MIKE KIRWAN worked to make reality of the dreams of development of Appalachia, and many other areas of this country. His view was that when one region was made stronger, the entire Nation was stronger—and that he regarded as the highest calling in the public service, the strengthening of the Nation.

The people of my area of eastern Kentucky knew MIKE KIRWAN as a friend, and I know they are saddened by his loss.

Mr. Chairman, not only has the Congress lost one of the great practitioners of the art of government, but we have all lost a personal friend. For me, that loss is keenly felt.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, it is with a saddened spirit that I rise today to pay tribute to an old and dear friend and colleague, MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN. I was deeply grieved to learn of his untimely death.

MIKE KIRWAN was very kind and very good to me when I first came to Congress as a junior Member, as he was to so many in this House and on both sides of the aisle.

His entire life was a model of service and untiring efforts to improve the lives of those he served, and all humanity as well.

The plight of the American Indian became one of MIKE KIRWAN's many special concerns. He actively supported better educational facilities on Indian reservations and on Samoa, and housing projects on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

As chairman of the House Public Works Subcommittee, he truly proved his worth. His accomplishments in the environmental field—long before the issue became popular—will rank highest in his monument. National parks, dams, reservoirs, and water conservation projects are in existence today because of his proficiency.

MIKE KIRWAN has served Congress with distinction. We shall miss him as a colleague, as a great public servant, and as a devoted American.

Needless to say, the name MIKE KIRWAN will rank as one of the greatest men in the history of this Nation.

May God bless him and keep him—Mrs. Burke joins me in extending our sympathy to his loved ones during this time of great sorrow.

Mr. Chairman, I am sure the entire House is saddened by the loss of our colleague and my deep warm personal friend, MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, the distinguished representative of the 19th District of Ohio for 33 years.

MIKE KIRWAN will be remembered in this body for many things—his chairmanship of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works, through which funneled billions for construction purposes; his leadership in progressive legislation; his fearlessness regardless of the opposition.

But I prefer to remember MIKE KIRWAN for his leadership in conservation. A couple of dozen years ago, when "ecology" was almost an unknown word and long before many of the present proponents of ecology were even known, MIKE KIRWAN was leading the fight to preserve and enhance our national heritage for the future.

And we all know that MIKE was not just a talker; he was a doer. Under his guidance hundreds, if not thousands, of conservationist projects saw reality; a fact for which present and future generations should well remember MIKE KIRWAN.

Now, at 83, and after a year of severe suffering, MIKE has left us.

I know we all extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Alice and the children, John, Michael, and Mary Alice. We deeply sympathize with them in their great loss. It is my earnest prayer the good Lord will reward MIKE and let the perpetual light shine upon him for his many acts of charity and good deeds. May his soul rest in peace.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Chairman, for 32 years, the 19th District of Ohio has been represented by a dedicated and able servant.

From a humble and meager background, came MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN to the Halls of Congress. Through his devotion to his job and hard work, he became known to every public sector of the country during his long years of service as the chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, and as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee. Although his education had been limited, he possessed the rare ability to "cut through" involved and detailed problems and programs to present them in the layman's language that all could understand.

Of his Irish ancestry, he was proud and wanted all to share in the festivities of the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. On those occasions, he was the gracious host to literally thousands.

His record in the partisan annals of the House are legend in the success of his campaign efforts.

The projects which were founded during his Public Works Subcommittee leadership stretch from one end of this land to the other. They are a constant reminder of the diligence of a man who believed in what he was doing.

Yes, everyone, both in and out of the House, who felt the contact with MICHAEL KIRWAN will long remember his skill and know-how in getting the job done. He will be sorely missed. To his widow and family goes my deepest sympathy.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Chairman, I wish to join with my colleagues in expressing sorrow at the untimely passing of our esteemed colleague, the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN of Ohio.

It was a privilege to serve with him these many years in the House of Representatives. He was a man who served his district and the Nation with ability and distinction. He was an industrious public servant in the House of Representatives. One of his finest attributes was his ability to make friends and more so—to keep them. It was my sincere pleasure to know that he included me among the multitude

of his friends. He gave of himself willingly and sincerely. The welfare of his constituents, the security of our country, the progress of our Nation were always uppermost in his mind.

Over the more than 20 years that it was my privilege to serve in Congress with him I benefited by his fatherly and scholarly advice. His commonsense approach to difficult controversial issues and problems for which I sought his counsel have left an indelible impression upon me and I am certain upon those who sought his advice. All of us are deeply indebted to him for his assistance. I shall never forget his wise counsel at the time the St. Lawrence Seaway legislation was under consideration in Congress.

Throughout his long service as a member of the Committee on Appropriations he was influential in pollution control. He fought for the preservation of forests, national parks, and fish and wildlife. MIKE KIRWAN was a man of integrity, a tireless and dedicated citizen. His loss will be felt by all who were privileged to know him and serve with him. His death also inflicts a heavy loss on his family and his many friends in Ohio and throughout the United States.

My wife joins me in expressing deep sympathy to his beloved wife, his children, and grandchildren. May they derive some small consolation from the knowledge that their loss is shared by his many friends and in the thought that the good Lord has chosen him to be among His very own.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Chairman, I wish to associate myself with my colleagues in paying tribute today to MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, whose death a few days ago has saddened us all.

MIKE KIRWAN was one of the most conscientious, diligent, and hard-working Members of the House. He gave unstintingly of his time and efforts in the 34 years he spent in the Congress, and they were years of distinguished service not only to his congressional district but to the entire Nation.

Recognizing the devastating effects of pollution long before it became a problem of national concern, MIKE KIRWAN fought for the preservation of our national forests, parks, fish, and wildlife. Through his good sense and devotion to the national interest, essential dams and reservoirs were built in the right places throughout the country. Millions of Americans today and generations yet to come are indebted to him. Completed flood control programs, power generating

plants, irrigation projects all over the land are a lasting monument to his persistent and purposeful efforts.

MIKE KIRWAN championed another cause during his years in the House. He gave much of himself to the needs of American Indians, constantly prodding for legislation which would better their economic conditions and educational opportunities.

He distinguished himself in yet another way—by giving vigorous leadership to the Democratic Party Campaign Committee. With his death, the party has lost a stalwart member.

I shall always have a special, personal feeling for MIKE KIRWAN. As a Los Angeles city councilman when I first met MIKE, the thought of trying for a congressional seat had not passed my mind. In our first conversation he suggested that I should make the attempt. A couple of years later I took his advice and was fortunate to win my seat. I will always cherish this memento.

Mrs. Corman and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kirwan and other members of the family. I am sure they will find solace in the knowledge that MIKE KIRWAN leaves behind him a legacy of public service that commands the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Chairman, I join with my colleagues in expressing sorrow over the passing of our good friend, MIKE KIRWAN. MIKE was a unique personality, one of the old school, in many respects like our former colleague from Chicago, Tom O'Brien. They were fast friends. Both had been schooled in the college of hard knocks, both had experienced hard times in their earlier years, both had succeeded in becoming Members of the Congress. Both were proud to be considered practical politicians.

MIKE was an individualist, a pragmatist, a patriot who loved his country and his party. He was a courageous advocate always for the rights of the people and he strode the floor of Congress in a manner that will not be forgotten.

It was my good fortune to serve with him on the Committee on Appropriations. When his bill came before the committee, there was always an air of expectation in the committee room, for MIKE's speeches were gems. Drawing upon his vast experience, both political and personal, he explained his bill in salty, graphic and witty language that always won approval. "This is the all-American bill," he would

say. "We're trying with the funds appropriated here to heal in some measure the damage done to our country over the years."

He walked with Presidents, but he never forgot where he was rooted. He was at home wherever he found himself because he was of the people.

Mr. Chairman, our Nation is a better place because MIKE KIRWAN served in the Congress. He will never be forgotten by those who served with him.

Mrs. Yates joins me in expressing our profound sympathy to Mrs. Kirwan and members of the family.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Chairman, on July 26 one of our country's most able public servants passed from our midst. MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN faithfully served his country in the House of Representatives for 44 years, a career distinguished by his concern for his fellow Americans. His record of achievement will live on in the Nation's landscape in the form of parks, dams, reservoirs, and water conservation projects. His contribution to the development of irrigation and power resources in the West remains as one of his most impressive monuments. Future generations will remember him as a man who championed the causes of ecological and environmental preservation long before they became popular issues.

MIKE KIRWAN was truly a man of the American people. The son of an immigrant coal miner, he was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in 1886. His early years were spent in such physically demanding occupations as a breaker boy, railroad brakeman, oilfield hand, lumberjack, and harvest hand. He never forgot the lesson he learned during these formative years. He was proud of his lifelong union membership, and he remained faithful to the legitimate interests of labor.

His deep and abiding concern for human welfare made him the champion of many causes. Over the years, he was instrumental in improving the conditions of life for many American Indians. They, in turn, expressed their gratitude by making him an honorary member of many tribes, a distinction he accepted proudly. His concern and interest also extended to the American territories. He was responsible for vitally needed school and health facilities in both the Virgin Islands and Guam.

Throughout his career, starting with election to the Youngstown, Ohio, city council in 1932, MIKE KIRWAN remained a man close to

the people. After serving with the AEF in World War I, he maintained a lifelong interest in the needs and aspirations of our veterans. He was an active member of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A fervent believer in the inherent vitality of the American two-party system, MIKE KIRWAN helped lead the party of his choice as Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. In this House, his outstanding service on the Public Works Subcommittee earned him the respect of his colleagues. He also served on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. As a member of the National Fisheries and Aquarium Advisory Board, his ardent advocacy of a national aquarium became legendary.

To the members of his family Mrs. Kluczynski and I extend our sincere condolence on their loss, a loss shared by the Congress, and, indeed, by the whole Nation. They must surely be sustained by the memory of his lifetime and achievement and by the respect in which his memory is held by those fortunate enough to have known him.

Mr. MAYNE. Mr. Chairman, I join my colleagues in lamenting the passing of MIKE KIRWAN, even though the end has not come unexpectedly. For anyone representing a district past which flows the mighty Missouri, and through which flows many troublesome tributaries of that great watercourse, MIKE KIRWAN was an extremely important factor in this body.

I desire to recognize here today the debt I owe to the late Congressman KIRWAN for his willingness to support flood control and navigation projects in the Sixth Iowa District that represent capital improvements in the topography of America. MIKE KIRWAN never apologized for spending money to preserve our natural resources. I think we all owe a significant amount to him for being so willing to invest in our country's future.

Mr. COHELAN. Mr. Chairman, it is with a sense of sadness that I join with my colleagues in Congress in paying tribute to the late Congressman MICHAEL KIRWAN of Ohio.

MIKE KIRWAN will long be remembered both as an able Member of the House and a loyal Democrat. As representative of the 19th Congressional District of Ohio for the past 33 years, MIKE KIRWAN served his people and the Nation well. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee it was an honor for me to have served

with MIKE KIRWAN. He chaired the important Public Works Subcommittee, and his accomplishments can be seen in the many public works projects across the Nation for which he is responsible.

As a Democrat, there are few in the long history of the Democratic party that have served with the loyalty of MIKE KIRWAN. As chairman of the House Democratic Campaign Committee for the past 23 years, MIKE KIRWAN led our party to win the majority of the House for all but one term during the years he served as campaign chairman. His leadership and loyalty will long leave its mark on the successes of the Democratic Party.

I wish to extend my sincere condolences to Mrs. Kirwan, his three children, and members of his family for the great loss that they, together with the people of Ohio and the Nation, have sustained in his passing.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Chairman, the news of the passing of our colleague from Ohio, Hon. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, has saddened every Member of this Chamber and everyone connected with public service. MIKE KIRWAN was a giant among legislators and a champion of conservation and environmental planning.

It was my privilege to serve as a Member of the House Appropriations Committee with MIKE KIRWAN and to experience the legislative accomplishments of this dedicated Representative. For 34 years he served the people of his congressional district in Ohio and for 34 years he served all the people of this Nation. His achievements and proposals for the preservation of our natural resources began at a time when few saw the dangers threatening our environment and continued in this most recent period when concern about environmental protection became fashionable.

Another example of his early recognition of an inequitable situation was his efforts to improve the plight of the American Indian. This was a cause which MIKE fought for in his 13 years as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies and 27 years as a Member of that subcommittee. He called for better education, improved health care, and programs to provide for the welfare and development of resources of the American Indian long before the deplorable conditions facing the Indians became widely known.

MIKE KIRWAN was truly a man of vision but beyond that he was a man who could get things done. Parks, dams, reservoirs, and water conservation projects became realities rather than ideas because of his leadership in the House of Representatives. Flood control, pollution control, power generation, navigation, irrigation and recreation were more than words to this master of the legislative process. The list of accomplishments which he compiled will take up many pages when historians record the highlights of his career. Future generations will enjoy the fruits of his work and realize the full value of his dedication and devotion to conservation.

The respect and admiration which we felt for MIKE is well known and the void which we now feel will not be filled. This was to be MIKE's last term in the House and a sad Chamber now salutes him. I join in extending my personal sympathies to his wife, Alice, his two sons John J. and Michael Jr., and his daughter, Mrs. Robert Vaughn.

Mr. BARING. Mr. Chairman, it is with deep sadness today that I add my respects to the memory of MIKE KIRWAN, our esteemed colleague in the House of Representatives for many long years. Our good friend, MIKE, will be missed by the Congress and all America.

MIKE was a good American, a good Democrat, and a good legislator.

I want to express my condolences and the condolences of my State of Nevada to not only his family and many close friends, but also to the congressional district MIKE represented in Ohio.

I want to make a special note of MIKE's conscientious devotion to congressional activity and work in behalf of the Western States. This fact particularly cannot be overlooked.

MIKE, while being an easterner, made the effort to travel in the Western States. His position on the Appropriations Committee was of vital importance to the West. MIKE was a topnotch leader in securing needed reclamation programs for the fast-growing Western United States.

MIKE was an honest and just man. He gave of himself completely when he worked on an appropriation bill and the Members of Congress on both sides of the political aisle held him in true respect. My colleagues and I knew of his dedicated work and knew that his word was his bond. A Member of the House always knew that when MIKE KIRWAN said that his appropriation bill had been screened

with a fine tooth comb, and that it was a good bill for the American public, that that word was exact.

I personally knew MIKE for 22 years in the House and it was an honor to call him "friend."

Mr. TAFT. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to pay tribute to our departed colleague and friend, MIKE KIRWAN of Ohio. When I arrived here as a freshman member of the House in 1962, MIKE had already been a Member of this body for 24 years. Even though I was not a member of his political party, he went out of his way to assist me in my early days in the House. This brought to mind statements which my father had made, praising MIKE KIRWAN for his vigorous defense of the interests of the working man, and his ability to work effectively with those of all persuasions.

In the years that I have served with MIKE, I have found in him those qualities which my father had mentioned. Though we did not always agree on matters, and though we were of opposing political parties, our relationship was nevertheless a most friendly one.

MIKE had announced his decision not to seek reelection to the House at the conclusion of this term. What a pity that he was not able to complete his 34th and last year in this body which he respected and loved.

All of us, but especially we of the Ohio delegation, will miss him, but we are proud of his service to the State and to his district for these many years.

To his wife Alice, and to his three children, I express my sincere condolences.

Mr. SMITH of Iowa. Mr. Chairman, MIKE KIRWAN was a great man and a personal friend.

His death was mourned by all Members of the House. I do not remember of anyone who was held in higher esteem by his colleagues and who earned such a place in the hearts of his countrymen. I am proud to have served with him on the Appropriations Committee and the Campaign Committee.

He promoted conservation and the development of our natural resources for many years and used his great power for that purpose. As chairman of committees dealing with such subject matters, he

was not bashful in promoting these purposes long before America in general caught up with the need for such activities.

Back when some people were calling his bills "pork barrel," he proclaimed them as "all-American" bills. The Nation has finally recognized what he recognized many years ago.

He was a great man for America, a great loss to everyone, and his passing a sorrowful event for America. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Mr. DANIELS of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, a little over a week ago we lost a valued friend and colleague. MIKE KIRWAN's loss to the Congress will be felt for many years, not only by the loss of his services and long experience in the House which he loved so well, but to those of us who served with him and knew him well.

He had a public reputation for being gruff. Yet those of us who worked with him in the House knew him as a decent, patient man with whom we could work. The art of politics lies in deliberations, negotiations, and where necessary, compromise. But even in compromise, MIKE recognized that he could continue the fight for what was necessary, for what was good for the Nation. He never gave up.

As chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works, MIKE KIRWAN held a progressive view of the national public works program. The rest of us, the need for protection of our natural resources. What he for many years called conservation, was in fact what is now referred to as "ecology" and protection of the "total environment." His was the liberal view in the sense that he saw the need for conserving and protecting the great reservoirs of America's real wealth. Long before the rest of us, MIKE pleaded with us to protect our environment. He said:

> We had better wake up, and do what is necessary to preserve, protect, and develop America.

Largely because of MIKE KIRWAN, America has awakened to the crisis facing our resources. Largely because of MIKE KIRWAN we will "do what is necessary to preserve, protect, and develop" this great Nation.

On behalf of Mrs. Daniels and myself, I extend our sincere sympathy to MIKE's wife Alice and his three children.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Chairman, this body lost a truly outstanding and distinguished Member in MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. I know he will

be greatly missed in this Chamber, and I know the people of Ohio's 19th District, whom he served with such distinction for so many years, feel the same way.

MIKE KIRWAN was born almost 84 years ago. He devoted the bulk of his life to public service—to the problems of his community and to the problems of our Nation.

During the great war—World War I—he served as an artillery sergeant in France. He subsequently served two terms as a member of the Youngstown City Council, representing the fourth ward in which he resided until his death.

Representative KIRWAN was in his 34th consecutive year in this body having first been elected to the 75th Congress in 1937. He spent 28 of these 34 years on the Committee on Appropriations. I have had the personal pleasure of working with him on this committee. In this capacity, I have witnessed first-hand his work as the distinguished Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee.

The Committee on Appropriations recently adopted a resolution on the late Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN that sets forth very well the distinguished record of our former colleague. It notes that Mr. KIRWAN "became America's legislative champion of conservation with an unexcelled dedication to the protection, preservation, and development of these resources."

It also notes, among other things, that Mr. KIRWAN "provided outstanding leadership in expanding the essential water resource development of the country, including flood control, pollution control, water supply, power generation, navigation, irrigation, and recreation."

MIKE's great service and contributions to the 19th District of Ohio, to this body, and to the Nation will long be remembered. That is as it should be.

I join with all my colleagues in the feeling of grief at the loss of this truly great American.

Mr. CAREY. Mr. Chairman, he rose from the earth.

He lived with the love of God in his heart.

These words are from the scriptural text read at the memorial mass celebrated in St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill in honor of our late beloved colleague, MICHAEL J. KIRWAN of Ohio. They are fitting, indeed, to depict the guiding spirit of the great and good life

led by MICHAEL KIRWAN. Truly he rose from the very depths of the earth to the highest place in the esteem of his fellow man.

All of us who were fortunate enough to hear Mr. KIRWAN tell of his boyhood days saw in his life the personification of the American dream. He was a "breaker boy" in the mines around Wilkes-Barre, Pa., long before the advent of child labor laws, compulsory schooling or safety regulations or minimum wage—or anything other than the exploitation of the working man. From miner to track walker, to railroadman to Youngstown and to the Congress of the United States, MICHAEL KIRWAN learned to love the law of God and nourished it in his heart during the harsh, hard days of the Molly Maguires. He roamed this country from end to end and determined that his life would have meaning for his country and his fellow man. We are so fortunate that he succeeded in his determination.

He loved his party—the Democratic Party—because he felt and believed deeply in the ideals of that party. With his great sense of politics and people he led in the building of our great country because he saw in that building the work of creation—again, with the love of God in his heart.

The monuments to MICHAEL KIRWAN truly are all over the United States of America—the great parks, the wilderness, the massive public works which give us water, power and recreation are all part of MICHAEL KIRWAN's construction of a great country.

MICHAEL KIRWAN's life is not just a chronicle of a man. It is, in fact, an important part of the history of our country, and he truly was an historian. We must never forget the lessons of history he was so fond of reciting. His familiar expressions "ain't that what I am trying to tell you now" and "see the point I mean" interlaced personal accounts of witness that MICHAEL KIRWAN gave to the great events and the men who made them happen during his lifetime.

He gave life in graphic detail to the times of McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Wilson, Hoover, and the depression, Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman. It was through MICHAEL KIRWAN's personal intercession that John F. Kennedy was enabled to gain the support of the mine workers in the tense and precarious days before he won the Presidency of the United States. It was with President Kennedy and President Johnson that MICHAEL KIRWAN towered to his greatest

heights and helped those men build the country that would fulfill MICHAEL KIRWAN's dreams as a breaker boy from Wilkes-Barre.

It would be remiss, indeed, if one were not to mention that MICHAEL KIRWAN was a favorite of us all and that while he never played favorites there were some who were tied to him with bonds closer than brotherhood. One of these, our late colleague, John E. Fogarty of Rhode Island, was Mr. KIRWAN's constant companion and perhaps his dearest friend. He left us on January 10, 1967. He, too, lived with the love of God in his heart.

MICHAEL KIRWAN and John Fogarty never let us forget the heritage of Ireland which gave them their humor, courage, love of the earth and sensitivity to the needs of the poor, the ill, the homeless, and the handicapped. These, most of all, will miss the likes of MICHAEL KIRWAN.

In justice to his memory, we who knew him can best honor him by remembering what he tried to tell us and all strive to see the point he meant. We can do that by working together to help build this country the way MICHAEL KIRWAN tried to build it from the mines to the mountain tops—speaking plainly, working hard, and doing everything he could to help the least among us so that when he went to his reward we could stand together and truly say "he lived his life with the love of God in his heart."

To the Kirwan family, Mrs. Carey and I and our children extend our condolences at his passing and our sure conviction that he has won his place in Heaven.

To those who worked with Mr. KIRWAN, his district staff, and the staff of his committee and the Congressional Campaign Committee also our sincere sympathy extends and is tempered by the knowledge that his work so well begun will not be ended as long as we remember him as we shall.

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Chairman, on July 27, Congress lost a distinguished colleague, and the Nation lost a fine public servant. I join in paying tribute to the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, whose legacy to the Congress began in 1936 when he was first elected to serve the people of Ohio's 19th District.

Since 1947, Congressman KIRWAN served as the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. While I was serving in the capacity of State chairman of the California Democratic

Party in 1950, I became well acquainted with "MIKE" when he was helping several California Congressmen in their election campaigns. I consider myself fortunate to have known and admired Congressman KIRWAN over the years.

MIKE not only served the district he represented, but he served our entire Nation. First serving as a member of the Public Works Committee, in 1943, he was elected to the Committee on Appropriations. For 27 years, he was a member of the Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations, 13 years as chairman. In addition, he was on the Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee for 15 years, and served as chairman during the last 6 years.

Long before Rachel Carson penned, "The Silent Spring," MIKE was a champion of conservation. Long before there was an Earth Day or a mass interest in the environment and ecology, Congressman KIRWAN was at the forefront in saving America's natural resources and our environment.

Congressman KIRWAN received numerous honorary degrees, many of which were in recognition of his active role in preserving and developing natural resources. For instance, Oklahoma City University in 1960 awarded him a doctor of humanities honorary degree for his part in the completion of the greatest program of conservation and reclamation ever known to man. Other degrees and honors for his service for the betterment of mankind were awarded to him by the University of Arkansas, Youngstown University, the St. Lawrence Seaway Pioneers, National Fisheries Institute, Mahoning Valley Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Arkansas Basin Development Association, Inc., Ducks Unlimited Conservation Service Award, and the National Reclamation Association.

Congressman KIRWAN was a man of foresight and dedication who served our Nation as a fine public servant for over three and a half decades. All of us can truly say that here was a man who made the United States a better place for all, both for the present and for future generations.

Mr. WHALLEY. Mr. Chairman, it is with deep sorrow and a sense of personal grief that I call to the attention of the House the passing of our good friend and colleague, MICHAEL J. KIRWAN of the 19th District of Ohio.

MICHAEL KIRWAN was many things in his lifetime. At the age of 9,

he earned 35 cents for a 10-hour day as a breaker-boy, picking slate out of newly-mined coal. At 12, he was getting a dollar a day driving a mule in the coal mines. Working his way around the country, he worked in steel mills, on railroads, in lumber camps, and in oil and harvest fields.

The wealth of experience he earned in his travels around our land left a lasting impression. He was once quoted in the Congressional Record as saying that the State of Pennsylvania—where he was born, raised, and worked—had more to offer the American observer than all of Europe put together, including the scenery of Switzerland.

MICHAEL KIRWAN was a stanch advocate of American principles. He used his political abilities solely to further the American way of life and preserve democracy for all people. He commanded the admiration and respect of associates, colleagues and passing acquaintances alike. Congressman KIRWAN was a man of high attainments, extraordinary moral fibre, and the greatest practical abilities. He clearly stood out from the crowd.

I had the personal pleasure of working with Congressman KIRWAN in his capacity as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee on the Raystown Dam project in my Pennsylvania district. MIKE KIRWAN was, above all else, always a gentleman.

Mrs. Whalley and I extend our deepest condolences to Mrs. Kirwan and their family. He will be sadly missed by all, but the spirit of his life and philosophy will remain with us forever.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Chairman, with a full heart I join my colleagues today in an expression of respect and honor for a friend who has left us and condolence to those he left behind. For those of us who knew MIKE KIRWAN, I think we all share the desire to say something special about this very special man. We will, in the end, be quite inadequate in what we say, for MIKE KIRWAN was one of those whose life can neither be added to nor substracted from by words.

I first came to know MIKE KIRWAN soon after I came to the Congress and over the years that acquaintance grew into a warm friendship. The memory of that friendship will now be treasured by me for the rest of my life.

It was not just a personal relationship of which I speak. The legislative process put the two of us in a particularly close working relationship. As chairman of an authorizing committee, my counterpart on the great House Appropriations Committee was the man I seek to honor at this time. On the many, many occasions when I appeared before the subcommittee that was chaired by this man, I did so with complete confidence that MIKE KIRWAN, with his thorough understanding of the legislative process, would consider whatever funding requests were placed before him with understanding and honesty. MIKE KIRWAN was from Ohio, but I think I can say that the States of the reclamation West had few friends who were as sympathetic to their needs. MIKE was a man of wisdom and kindness who dedicated his life to public service and that service will be his monument. Perhaps his biography in the Congressional Directory, now famous for its brevity, says it all:

Michael Joseph Kirwan, Democrat of Youngtown, Ohio; elected to the 75th and each succeeding Congress.

I join with my colleagues and the innumerable friends of MICHAEL KIRWAN in sending to his charming widow and their two sons and their families, my heartfelt sympathy over their loss; my prayers that they may be comforted and sustained by Almighty God; and, my gratitude that I was personally honored to be able to walk and work with MIKE KIRWAN as he worked among us as the giant he was among his fellowmen.

Mr. PATMAN. Mr. Chairman, it was with a profound feeling of great sadness that I learned of the death of my good and longtime friend from Ohio, the most Honorable MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN. It was my great privilege to serve with MIKE KIRWAN in this House for almost 34 years, and I confess to a feeling of inadequacy in attempting to express my sense of loss with the death of this devoted and able public servant, great Democrat, and true friend.

As second ranking majority member of the vital Appropriations Committee, MIKE had a miraculously comprehensive and detailed knowledge of every part of our Federal Government. He was always a source of wise and expert counsel for all his colleagues. Through his extremely meaningful service as chairman of the important Subcommittee on Public Works, MIKE was directly responsible for the

proper and orderly growth and development of every section of our Nation. Improvements throughout the Nation during his service stand as a tribute to his effectiveness as a leader and a concerned American.

As chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee, MIKE served his party with true dedication and honor. In his passing, the Nation has lost a great public official, the Congress has lost one of its best loved, admired, and distinguished Members, and the Democratic Party has lost a tireless worker. His finest tribute probably came from the citizens who knew him best, those friends in the 19th District of Ohio who so honored him by selecting him to represent them in Washington 17 consecutive times.

MIKE KIRWAN had a meaningful and productive life, and I know that a benevolent God has reserved a special place with Him in the hereafter for his good and faithful servant. My thoughts and prayers are with MIKE's family. I share in their bereavement.

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Chairman, it was with a profound sense of sorrow that I learned of the death of our beloved colleague, MIKE KIRWAN. With his passing, some of the greatness of America died.

His life reflected the great opportunities this Nation has always offered its stouthearted citizens, who are able and willing to work to achieve noble goals.

He was a coal miner's son, and dropped out of school after the third grade to help support the family. He worked in the coal mines, on the railroads, in lumber camps, and in oilfields. During World War I, MIKE served as a sergeant in a machinegun company overseas. Following the war, he was engaged in the mercantile business in Youngstown, Ohio, and was a member of its city council for 4 years immediately prior to his election to the 75th Congress in 1936.

During his 33 years of congressional service, he devoted his great abilities to the betterment of his constituency, his State, and his Nation. He rose to be the able chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations. Here he dedicated his life to improving the environment and conserving the Nation's resources. In this, he was many, many years ahead of his time.

Through his committee work, and by vigorous and farsighted leadership, MIKE KIRWAN became a major force in controlling America's rampaging waters. Because of him, these awesome natural re-

sources were controlled and channeled so that they better served the farmer, the sportsman, and the citizen seeking recreation by a gently flowing stream. The dams, reservoirs, and many national park projects throughout the country will serve as an enduring tribute to his memory.

Having come up the hard way himself, MIKE was always interested in helping the less fortunate. He was particularly concerned about the plight of the American Indians, and applied himself with great diligence to improving their condition.

As chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Campaign Committee, he worked hard for the election and reelection of fellow Democrats. The fact that we are the majority party in this body today is to a great extent due to the dedicated efforts of MIKE KIRWAN.

Many of us of Irish ancestry, as well as a great number of others with a different heritage, fondly and vividly recall the traditional St. Patrick's Day celebrations which were hosted for so long by our dear and congenial friend. He was a man of charm, wit, and wisdom. MIKE had a natural ability for holding an audience, and could tell interesting and amusing stories one after the other, almost without end.

MIKE and I lived for a number of years at the University Club where I was privileged to enjoy his company almost daily. He was a warm and gentle man, and a thoroughly delightful companion. His passing is a great personal loss not only to me, but to his many friends at the club.

Mrs. Delaney joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to his wife, Alice, and to his children, and the other members of his family.

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Chairman, I join my colleagues in mourning the death of a skillful and effective legislator and loyal friend, MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, Representative of the 19th District of Ohio.

MIKE KIRWAN's death is a double tragedy. It is first of all a great loss to his wife, his three children, and 21 grandchildren, and I offer my deepest sympathy to them in their sorrow.

His death is also a loss to our country. The Congress will sorely miss the services of a man who since 1937 has been one of its ablest and most dependable Members.

MIKE KIRWAN, who became "Mr. Public Works" to the House,

fought for conservation projects long before conservation and pollution reached the present degree of public acceptance. He became an early champion of water resource development. As Democratic National Chairman, Lawrence F. O'Brien expressed it, Congressman KIRWAN's environmental accomplishments will be his monument. Numerous national parks, reservoirs, and conservation projects exist today because of his consistent work in this essential field. Among his many accomplishments, perhaps MIKE KIRWAN should and will be remembered for his environmental efforts more than for anything else.

As second-ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee and chairman of its Public Works Subcommittee, MIKE held more power than most men in the House. He used this power most effectively. His leadership and commitment for progress through internal improvements has helped all areas of the country. Among other problems the plight of the American Indian received his special attention as he worked for improved educational facilities on reservations.

As a Democrat, I have come to respect MIKE KIRWAN in yet another way. For 23 years he successfully headed the House Democratic Campaign Committee. During that period Democrats lost majority control of the House only once. I am personally appreciative of the help which the Campaign Committee gave to me in my campaigns over the years. A loyal party member, MIKE served his party and his country with enthusiasm and skill.

I have another very personal reason for feeling MIKE's loss more deeply than most. For 6 years I lived in the University Club where MIKE resided and I had frequent occasion there to meet him to talk with him and to share his great fund of humor and experience. As a result I felt a particular closeness to him.

Mr. Chairman, I think everyone will agree, Republican and Democrat alike, that the Congress has suffered a severe loss in the death of MIKE KIRWAN. We all mourn the death of this able legislator and citizen.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Chairman, it is with great sadness that I rise to pay final respects to a great legislator, a great American, and a great friend, MIKE KIRWAN.

We in California loved and admired MIKE KIRWAN for what he

was. He was many things—a farsighted conservationist who was concerned about the conservation and wise utilization of our God-given natural resources long before it was a popular subject. A humanist with deep concern for the less fortunate among us, including the American Indians. A dedicated fighter for the rights of the working man from whose ranks he came.

MIKE KIRWAN was a self-educated man. Forced to leave school after the third grade, he went as a small boy to work in the coal mines of Pennsylvania.

Later, MIKE traveled the Nation working in many jobs, in the lumber camps, on the farms and ranches, and on the railroad. For nearly 30 years I, too, worked for the railroad, and some of my favorite moments since coming to Washington nearly 12 years ago were those spent swapping railroad tales with MIKE. As any good Irishman, he was a wonderful spinner of yarns.

But MIKE was more than that. He was truly a great legislator.

First elected to Congress in 1936, he came back each new term with ever-increasing majorities as the people of the Youngstown area of Ohio realized what a jewel they had in their Representative in Congress.

The people of the 19th Congressional District of Ohio admired his sincerity, his honesty, his industry, and his dedicated devotion to the task of representing them in the Halls of Congress. He may have been blunt and forthright, but was never one to dodge an issue regardless of its popularity or lack of it.

That is a kind of man this Nation needs for its outstanding legislators, and the people of Ohio knew it. His service to the Nation soon was realized to the four corners of the United States, and especially the West, as his work on the old Rivers and Harbors Committee first became appreciated. Later he served on the Appropriations Committee, where he was a fighter for adequate development of our parks and other recreation resources, for a better break for the American Indian, for timely development of our water resources, putting to beneficial use the water which once wasted into the oceans.

California today is a better place to live—has a more adequate supply of water for domestic, industrial, and agricultural uses, has a more stable supply of electrical energy, has more recreation areas, and has fewer devastating floods because MIKE KIRWAN served in Congress.

We in California appreciate this and always considered him a great friend. We in California are going to miss him deeply, but the projects which he supported will stand for generations to come as working monuments of his leadership, his dedication to the cause of conservation of our natural resources.

My family and his many California friends join me in expressing our deepest sympathies to the family of this warm, human friend, this outstanding American.

Mr. AYRES. Mr. Chairman, my heart was filled with sadness over the passing of that great American, MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. We, in Ohio, are very proud of the wonderful record of legislative achievements of our senior Member. These achievements will live on as a perpetual memorial.

No man has displayed a greater love for his Nation and his fellow man. He displayed that love in service to all men regardless of their color, creed or station of life.

Early in his life, he served in France as an artillery sergeant in World War I. He devoted many of his energies to aiding his fellow veterans.

It was my privilege to know MIKE KIRWAN before my entry into the House of Representatives so that when I was elected to that body almost 20 years ago, I turned to him for advice and despite the fact that I was of the opposite political faith, he graciously gave me the benefit of his already long service.

I cherished his friendship throughout these 20 years and shall long mourn his passing.

Mrs. Ayres and I express our sympathy not only to his wonderful family but also to his constituency and his loyal secretary of 34 years, Mrs. Roberta Messerly.

Mr. COLLIER. Mr. Chairman, I was deeply saddened when I heard of the passing of our distinguished and beloved colleague from Ohio, MICHAEL J. KIRWAN.

This year was to have been his last in this great body, where he had served with credit for slightly more than a third of a century. Only six of the present Members have been here longer than that.

Much has happened in our Nation since MIKE KIRWAN and a large number of other freshmen took the oath of office on January 3, 1937.

The years since then have been exciting ones, as the great depression slowly ended, to be followed by turbulent years of war, uneasy peace, and domestic upheaval.

Through them all, our now departed friend served his district, his State, and his country with distinction. He tried, to the best of his ability, to find workable answers to the many challenging problems that came to this Chamber for solution. A man to whom America had given much, he was determined to repay the debt in full measure.

While MIKE KIRWAN was a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat and as such was devoted to his party and its success, he always put the Nation first. He backed the President wholeheartedly during all periods of crisis, regardless of whether the Chief Executive was a Republican or a Democrat.

In these troubled days, when so many want to forsake the strenuous life in exchange for one of effortless security, a man who came up the hard way and graduated from the school of hard knocks somehow seems anachronistic. Be that as it may, I salute the memory of our absent colleague. That he may rest in peace is my fervent prayer.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Chairman, perhaps the truest test of a great man is simplicity, or humility. MIKE KIRWAN had them both, despite a monumental list of achievements that would inspire even the most indifferent observer. Like many other Congressmen, my debt of gratitude to him is greater than I can express; but I tried to do so during his life, even as I visited him in the hospital and through the years before. This House has lost one of its alltime giants, and one of the most beloved Members in history. We all wish for his bereaved family every sympathy and extend to them, too, our heartfelt gratitude for all he did for his country.

Mr. HALPERN. Mr. Chairman, I rise with sorrow to pay my respects to a beloved friend and esteemed colleague. MIKE KIRWAN, a member of this House for over 30 years, will no longer be with us, but his memory will surely continue to inspire all who were honored by his friendship. We will always cherish the great heritage he leaves—loyalty, integrity, and honesty.

MIKE represented the American dream. From a youth spent traveling around the country working in wheatfields and oilfields, on ranches and in lumber camps, he rose to become one of the most

respected Members of this Chamber. He served the Nation in the crucial position of second ranking member of the Appropriations Committee. His leadership and legislative skill insured that the taxpayer received value for his dollar. His chairmanship of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works and Atomic Energy Commission served as an example for all committee chairmen.

My sympathies go to MIKE's wife, Alice, to his sons, daughter, and grandchildren who have lost a devoted family man. But even more than with the bereaved family my sympathies are with the people of MIKE's 19th District of Ohio who have suffered an irreplaceable loss. They have not only lost a wonderful and devoted friend but a truly outstanding representative, and it will be near impossible for them to find another to match MIKE KIRWAN.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Chairman, anyone can take a copy of the Congressional Directory and look up the 19th District for Ohio. In it, he will find the following:

MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN, Democrat, of Youngstown, Ohio; elected to the 75th and each succeeding Congress.

And that is all. To an outsider, this scant commentary would appear puzzling; but to those who knew MIKE KIRWAN, it is testimony, in itself, to the fact that MIKE was as humble as a saint. Indeed, he probably is talking to St. Patrick right now.

One indication of his humility is that he never forgot his beginnings. It would not be hard to believe that Horatio Alger modeled his story, "Only An Irish Boy," after MIKE KIRWAN. He had to quit school while still a child and as far as I know, he never received an academic degree, which he didn't need anyway. Anybody can obtain an academic degree, which requires normal intelligence and effort. But MIKE went far beyond that in his dedicated service to the Nation. And this is amply expressed by the number of honorary degrees conferred upon him. There are enough there to make any professor blush with envy.

MIKE was always cheerful, pleasant, friendly and kind to everyone. He could be found working both early and late, but always working. He served the America he loved, as a true leader would. He had the unique gift of personality to be elected and reelected to Congress so many times.

He was a religious man with a profound awareness of his duties to both men and God. MIKE would not bow before the poll takers to find out what to do; instead, he would look at the needs of the people and pray to God for his guidance. He was rigorous in his attendance at church and one time when sheer physical distance was too great, he called upon one of the newest of inventions, a helicopter, to take him from the midst of a forest to one of the oldest of services, the Mass. May God give us more public servants like this.

I considered it one of the continuing highlights of my career that I was able to work with MIKE KIRWAN as a fellow subcommittee chairman on the public works program. Many Americans in future generations will not know whom to thank for the benefits they will receive from reclamation, flood control, waterways, and harbor improvement. I am here to tell you that MIKE KIRWAN worked long and hard to insure that we would bequeath to future generations a conserved America and not a squandered one. When MIKE submitted a bill, you could be sure that it was well thought out.

I recall it was 2 years ago when Congress paid a warm and spontaneous tribute to MIKE KIRWAN on his then approaching 81st birthday. We heard frank and sincere tributes paid to this humble man that filled up over 30 pages of the Congressional Record. You could page through the Record for a good 50 years before you could even begin to find the likes of it. And you would have to go a good ways back before you could find another man like MIKE KIRWAN.

Among the many photos that MIKE used to have in his office, there were two that seemed to typify his life and life's work—one was a picture taken in 1900 of some young children looking ragged as they carried their lunch pails on the way to the mine in the days before the child labor laws. There was another picture taken in 1950 and this time, the young children had bright faces, were wearing decent clothes and were on their way to school.

MIKE KIRWAN was, in large part, responsible for that transition. It was through his untiring efforts and fairplay that the doors of opportunity were opened wider to greater numbers of Americans, both poor and affluent, that greater numbers of people were allowed to share in the good things of this life—education, material progress, and general well-being. MIKE KIRWAN sowed that others might reap.

Let us all take special note that MIKE KIRWAN grew wise with age,

but did not grow old. Hopefully, this is an example that all of us will follow.

We, in Congress, shall miss him and the country shall feel his loss. Our prayers and sympathy go to his family.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Chairman, although Members of the House were well aware of the prolonged illness of our friend, the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, none were quite prepared for his death. I had raised hope upon hope, and I am sure others had done likewise, that somehow or other he would recover and return to be among us.

MIKE KIRWAN was truly a self-made man. Without a formal education, he literally lifted himself by his own bootstraps to become one of the real stalwarts of the U.S. Congress.

MIKE was a tough fighter but a fair one. I know because I opposed him on occasion through the years. Never will I forget our fight in the House over a project which he personally sponsored—a national aquarium to be erected on the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. Needless to say MIKE won, and, although it was a lively encounter on the House floor, we emerged warmer friends than ever.

MIKE KIRWAN was a great American and his contributions to this Nation will ever be remembered. I am glad to have had the opportunity to know this good man, and to the members of his family I extend heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Chairman, just 1 week ago my very dear friend and colleague, the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, passed away. Our Nation and this House lost a great and capable legislator.

To his lovely wife, Alice, and his children and their families, I extend my heartfelt sympathies and humbly pray the Lord gives them the strength to understand His ways.

Mr. Chairman, MIKE KIRWAN was more than just a colleague of mine. He was a loyal and devoted friend, not only to me, but to many Members of the House. He served in this House for a third of a century, and those who knew him loved him. He was unfaltering in his loyalty to what he thought was right and unswerving in his resistance to what he considered wrong. He was a tower of strength to a good cause and a bulwark of opposition to a bad one. His service has added to the luster of this House. I join my colleagues in heartfelt tribute to MIKE KIRWAN and will ever cherish his memory and his friendship.

Mr. ROBISON. Mr. Chairman, I join with many others of this body in expressing a real sense of personal loss in the passing of our long-time friend and colleague, MIKE KIRWAN.

That sense of loss is the keener by virtue of my service, these past 6 years, on the Public Works Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations which was chaired, as we all know, by Mr. KIRWAN. Throughout those years, our friendship—and our regard for one another—deepened. "Gruff," and "shrewd," and "practical politician," Mr. KIRWAN may have been—and he has been called all such things and many more besides, some of which were not always complimentary. But a gentleman, he was—a man of his word, at all times—and certainly a builder, in the most constructive sense of that word, who saw himself as a force for progress in America, and who was determined to do whatever was necessary to, in his own words, "preserve, protect, and develop America."

One could sometimes disagree with "MIKE's" priorities—as occasionally I did, one notable example being with respect to what became known as "MIKE's big ditch"—but, in doing so, one could never fail to be impressed with the driving energy in the man, and his sense of dedication to a bigger and better America, toward his dream of which he first began building with his hands and, then eventually, with his canny mind, but always with his heart. And that heart of his was as big as "all outdoors."

By virtue of his early years, spent in the Susquehanna River Valley in Pennsylvania and, then the job he held that took him up along the Susquehanna into New York, he shared my own enthusiasm—and dream—for the proper development of the Susquehanna River Basin area, and has been of steady help to me in that regard. Such an interest on his part was not unique, for his later travels had made him familiar with nearly every portion of our land, and desirous of helping others similarly with their local water and land-resource problems in a manner that should not be degraded by references, now, to "pork-barrel politics." Instead, "MIKE" KIRWAN had a vision of the kind of land these United States could—and should—be; and he worked endlessly and selflessly in stubborn pursuit of that vision, enabling himself in the process far beyond the bounds one might have expected would have hobbled a man coming from his humble beginnings and with his lack of a formal education.

Yes, Mr. Chairman, "MIKE" was a man—a big man; feared, perhaps, by a few—respected by all who knew him well enough to see beyond his public image—but, most of all, loved by those to whom he gave of his friendship. And while those, his friends, have lost much, I think it needs be said that his beloved America has suffered a grievous loss, too.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Robison joins me in expressing our sincere regrets to Mrs. Kirwan, and to her daughter, Mary Alice, and two sons, John and Michael.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Chairman, The Lord in his wisdom has called one of our most distinguished colleagues, Hon. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN of Ohio, to his eternal rest.

Like Horatio Alger's hero in "Only an Irish Boy," MIKE KIRWAN started at the most humble level and worked and fought his way through the ranks until he reached one of the highest stations in national political life and one of the loftiest pinnacles in the respect, esteem, and affection of his colleagues in the Congress and of the people of the district he served so well.

It was on December 2, 1886, that this great man whom we eulogize today was born in Plains of the Keystone State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As a young boy he worked in the coal mines and later as a youth he worked for a number of different railroads. He truly earned his bread by hard labor and the sweat of his brow.

Here, in MIKE KIRWAN's life story we see the story of America itself and the American dream come true. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. As a young man, he traveled extensively, particularly throughout the Western States, working in the wheat and oil fields, on cattle ranches and in lumber camps. Thus, he saw, observed, learned, and stored in his keen mind valuable ideas which he later used on behalf of our great country, particularly here in the Congress of the United States. His first legislative experience was obtained as a member of the Youngstown City Council when he served for two terms.

The 19th District of Ohio, which includes the city of Youngstown—the citadel of the Mahoning Valley Steel District—elected MIKE KIRWAN to Congress in 1937. For 17 consecutive terms, the Nation had the benefit of his dedicated Godgiven talents. He served as a member of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, and in 1943 he

was appointed as a member of the powerful Committee on Appropriations. For many years he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations and later became chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Works Appropriations.

He was a courageous and outspoken advocate of some of the most important programs enacted by the Congress, such as development of our resources, conservation, improvement of our rivers and our harbors for navigation, irrigation, and reclamation, and many other vital programs.

The late "MIKE" as he was affectionately known by us, served his State, his Nation, and the people well. His race is run, his course is finished, but his work goes on. We all miss him and will ever cherish his memory for the record he made, and his achievements speak far more eloquently than anything we can say here. Our country has lost a great statesman and I have lost a devoted friend.

I extend my deepest sympathy to the members of his family at this sad time.

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Chairman, at this point I include several newspaper articles that tell of the fine work and character of our late beloved MICHAEL J. KIRWAN.

[From the Hubbard News, July 29, 1970]

19TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN: KIRWAN DIES AT 83, SERVED SINCE 1937

WASHINGTON.—MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, a member of Congress since 1937, was defeated for the first time in 34 years Monday when he died at the age of 83 in Bethesda Naval Medical Center.

KIRWAN had been in poor health for several years and had been hospitalized since June, 1969 with a broken vertebra in the back suffered in a fall at the University Club where he lived while here.

The second oldest member of Congress, KIRWAN was first elected in 1936 in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's landslide victory and was re-elected every two years thereafter. He had announced last year he would not seek re-election in 1970 with Democrat Charles J. Carney and Republican Margaret Dennison determining in November who will fill his post.

KIRWAN had long maintained that his proudest accomplishments were his efforts in the fields of conservation and water projects, but his biggest single vote he said was one in favor of extending the draft just three months before Pearl Harbor. (It carried by only one vote.) KIRWAN was also a strong supporter of the Fair Labor Standards Act which ended 5 and 10-cent hour labor in some parts of the country, the 40-hour work week law and the GI Bill of Rights.

Never too busy to spend time with residents of his district, KIRWAN always remembered his beginning as a youth who had to quit school at an early age to help support his family. His political career started as Youngstown's 4th Ward Councilman in the early 1930's and he recalled receiving soup from a city kitchen in 1932.

"I watched strong men wrap frankfurters in their handkerchiefs to take home to their children and that was a sight I'll never forget," KIRWAN would tell friends and reporters.

"MIKE" didn't lose touch with his home area and his close contact with national leaders as well as his growing power and influence in Congress made him no different to those who knew him in earlier days.

He served as a sergeant in a machine gun company overseas during World War I and his first Youngstown job was with U.S. Steel's Ohio works.

KIRWAN toured the Nation aboard Roosevelt's campaign train, crossed the country twice with President Harry Truman, campaigned by air with Democratic candidate Adlai Stevenson in 1956 and made a cross-country trip with President John F. Kennedy.

Three personal audiences with the late Pope Pius and meetings with the Queen of England and the King and Queen of Greece were conversation pieces for KIRWAN who believed the average worker needed help from his government the most.

KIRWAN cited Berlin, Mosquito and West Branch Reservoirs which he obtained for this area as vital factors in the district's economic well being and regretted throughout his public career that greater support was never available for his long-time dream—a Lake Erie to Ohio River canal.

Serving 11 terms as Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, KIRWAN was termed, "Mr. Democrat", by House Speaker John McCormack. Calling KIRWAN, "one of the greatest Democrats of all time," McCormack noted their party was in control of the House for 18 of the 20 years during which KIRWAN reigned as campaign chief.

He also was a diabetic and left the hospital infrequently to visit his Capitol Hill office.

KIRWAN, born Dec. 2, 1886, was the seventh ranking member in House seniority. Only Rep. William L. Dawson, D-Ill., seven months KIRWAN's senior, was older than him.

KIRWAN represented Ohio's 19th congressional district, which included Youngstown (Trumbull and Mahoning counties) for 17 consecutive terms and was dean of the Ohio congressional delegation.

As chairman of the House Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee, KIRWAN was responsible for approving the expenditure of Federal funds for dams, reservoirs, harbors, and flood control projects all over the Nation. Many of them were considered by some to be necessary mainly to show what a particular Member could do for his district.

Thus, the "pork barrel" label, which KIRWAN deplored.

KIRWAN liked to argue that the water projects returned more in benefits than they cost. He called them "investments in America."

Also, as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in the House, he was the man to see when a Member needed campaign funds.

But despite his power, two of his favorite projects were never realized: The Ohio River-Lake Erie canal and a national aquarium in the District of Columbia.

The canal, termed "Mike's Big Ditch" by critics, was a principal reason why he came to Congress shortly after the depression. But, in the intervening years, economics and the declining demand for such a mode of commerce intervened and Congress killed the project in 1967.

He also was a member of the Joint Committee on the Reduction of Federal Expenditures.

He is survived by his widow, Alice; two sons; one daughter, and 21 grandchildren.

[From the Youngstown (Ohio) Vindicator, July 30, 1970]

SIX HUNDRED FILL CHURCH TO PAY TRIBUTE—PASTOR LAUDS KIRWAN'S PATRIOTISM

(By Pete Sheehan)

"Oh, how we could do with a massive emulation of MIKE KIRWAN's love of his country and pride in this great nation of ours," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Maxwell, pastor of St. Brendan Church, said this morning during funeral services for Rep. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN.

More than 600 persons filled the church—where the 83-year-old congressman worshipped more than half his life—to pay final tribute to Youngstown's great political figure and join his family in prayer for him.

A Washington delegation of Representatives and Senators formed an honor guard at the church, standing on both sides of the main aisle as the casket, the family, and mourners passed through.

The Congressional delegation of 50 Senators and Representatives landed at Youngstown Municipal Airport at 9:15 a.m. aboard Air Force 2, the standby Boeing 707 plane for the President.

Representing President Nixon at the funeral was Richard Cook, a White House aide. Three generals and an admiral were on hand representing their respective branches of service. They were Brig. Gen. F. E. Haynes of the Marine Corps, Maj. Gen. L. B. Taylor of the Army, Lt. Gen. Duward Crow of the Air Force and Rear Adm. W. P. Gaddis of the Navy.

Close to 500 persons stood outside the church waiting for the procession under cloudy, threatening skies.

There were oldtimers who recalled when "MIKE" came to Youngstown, there were World War I friends, those who worked with him at the Ohio works, and on the railroad and there were those who knew him only by his deeds.

There were many children in the crowd which was quiet and respectful.

Neighbors on Glenellen Avenue stood on porches and leaned out of windows to watch.

Some of them remembered MIKE quietly going back and forth to church over the years.

SULLIGAN LEADS GROUP

Mayor Jack C. Hunter and his party met the casket at the church door. Mr. KIRWAN's grandchildren carried their grandfather to his final service at St. Brendan's.

Next came Jack Sulligan, Mahoning County Democratic chairman, heading a delegation of honorary pallbearers which included elected officials of Mahoning and Trumball Counties and leading citizens who were close to KIRWAN.

After the honorary pallbearers entered, the mourners followed.

The congressman's widow, Mrs. Alice Kirwan, was escorted by her son, Michael J. Jr., of McMurray, Pa., and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Alice Vaughn of Washington. They were followed by Mrs. Kirwan Jr. and the son-in-law, Robert E. Vaughn.

Rep. KIRWAN's last living brother and sister, John Kirwan and Mrs. Marguerite Zorzi, both of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., came next followed by Mrs. Roberta Messerly, Mr. KIRWAN's administrative assistant during most of his career in Washington. She was accompanied by her nephew, William Donlin, also of Washington.

BLESSED CASKET

Msgr. Maxwell blessed the casket and led a procession up the aisle followed by Mrs. Kirwan, her children, their families, relatives, and close friends.

The copper casket, made by the Youngstown Casket Co., was flown to Washington, Monday night by the Fox Funeral Home. Mr. KIRWAN died in Bethesda Naval Hospital early Monday after a long illness.

Members of the honor guard of government officials then took their seats in the church and Msgr. Maxwell, principal celebrant, began the concelebrated Mass. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew A. Prokop and the Rev. William H. Homan, former assistants at St. Brendan's were concelebrants.

Also in the sanctuary were the Rev. Edward G. Latch, chaplain of the House of Representatives, a Methodist; the Very Rev. Msgr. J. Paul O'Connor, chancellor of the Diocese of Youngstown, and the Very Rev. Msgr. William A. Hughes, episcopal vicar for education in the Youngstown Diocese.

Before giving his homily, Msgr. Maxwell read two telegrams sent by President Richard M. Nixon. The first telegram said that Cook was ordered to represent the President at the funeral.

The second telegram was addressed to Mrs. Kirwan. The President told Mrs. Kirwan that the Congressman's death "brings sorrow to those he served so energetically. Mrs. Nixon and I send you and the members of your family our deepest sympathy."

In the telegram, the President also expressed the hope to Mrs. Kirwan that "KIRWAN's accomplishments in Congress may be a source of strength and comfort to you and members of your family in the years to come."

In his homily, Msgr. Maxwell said Mr. KIRWAN's difficulties and his triumphs should give inspiration and example to those whose way of life is hard.

LAUDS PERSONAL QUALITIES

"His sturdy qualities of truthfulness, honesty, human concern and foresight encourage and confirm the natural benefits of these qualities to all," the monsignor said.

"While Mr. KIRWAN never challenged his audiences, when campaigning, to test his adroitness in chicanery, he did challenge them to watch his honesty. 'Watch me like a hawk' he would say. 'If you catch me taking a shortcut, you're fools if you don't vote me out of office.'

"Perhaps we might say his scorn for the glamour side of government and his disdain for a 'phony' anywhere sprang from his deep sense of honesty.

"The list of his accomplishments is a long and varied one. For his own district, adjoining areas, in distant parts of the country, even in the Pacific islands. Many of these measures received prompt backing because their need or usefulness was readily seen. Others, the importance of which he perceived clearly, were seen but slowly by his colleagues. Patience and determined perseverance finally won his goals in most cases.

"While I am deeply impressed by his constructive efforts to secure educational opportunities for American Indians and children in the far reaches of the Pacific, there is another instance of his concern that is amazing. Interested, somewhat by chance, in the need to wipe out a beetle that was destroying a vast timber area, he secured the money from Congress and saved a great amount of timber, sufficient in quantity to build more than a million five-room homes.

KEPT COMMON TOUCH

"Despite his contacts with people of note and distinction and his participation in events of tremendous importance he never lost the common touch. He enjoyed these contacts and his part in great affairs; he even showed a justifiable pride; yet he was essentially a simple and humble man. To one and all he was glad to answer to the friendly name of 'MIKE.' And he judged a man by what he was, with a special warmth for the man he called 'Joe Doakes.'

"It has been said that he was a devout man because he made frequent use of the Rosary. I was delighted to learn that his attachment to this old-fashioned devotion was so well known. I understand now—as his fingers moved over the worn beads and he murmured through habit his Paters and Aves—he beheld vividly in his mind a review of some of the outstanding events in the life of Christ, from His birth to His death and resurrection.

"And along the way he watched the gracious concern of Jesus for His mother. Through this meditation he renewed his allegiance to his Lord, drew inspiration and courage, found strength to meet his own problems, and inspiration to continue his work for the good of mankind.

"I would not say he was devout because he said his Rosary, but rather he said his Rosary because he was devout. He did not wear his religion on his sleeve, as the saying is. He lived it. It was part of him; not something to be considered separately from himself. His concern for others, his idealism, his charity; these things were not some special features of the man; they were part of him, an external expression of his spirituality. Yes, I would say he was devout.

"Because he was a devout and humble man it was his wish to have his last earthly function in his parish church; in that church in which he had worshipped God for more than half his long life. Here with his family, in the midst of his neighbors, with his friends from near and far gathered round, he wanted to lay down his earthly labors and enter into the joy of the Lord.

"He was a good parishioner. While regular in his attendance at church, he was in no way ostentatious. He received the Sacraments and participated to the extent he could in the activities of the parish. He was not one to interfere, to be critical or demanding; and yet, on occasion, he made kindly, interested and helpful suggestions. In the 25 years I have known him, he has never refused a request made of him from the parish, whether it was of his time, of his presence, or of his purse.

"His name and achievements, will be long remembered. He goes now to receive his reward for a life of service to his family and to his fellowmen and for a life of faithful love of his Creator. In the light of glory, in the very presence of God, he will experience that 'eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of many, the things God has prepared for those that love Him.'

"Into that glorious realm our thoughts and our prayers go with him. And before the throne of the Most High God he will continue to represent us—to put in a prayerful word for all of us," Monsignor Maxwell concluded.

[From the Youngstown (Ohio) Vindicator, July 28, 1970]

House To Mark Death of Kirwan—Nixon, LBJ Pay Tributes

President Nixon, former President Lyndon B. Johnson and the House of Representatives paid tribute Monday to an old friend, Youngstown's Michael J. Kirwan, a member or the House since 1937.

An unusually large list is being assembled of members of both houses of Congress and both political parties who plan to make a special flight here Thursday for the funeral at 10:30 a.m. in St. Brendan Church.

President Nixon, in San Clemente, Calif., said, "The death of Rep. Michael J. Kirwan is a loss to Congress, to the nation and to me personally. I join his many friends in sorrow at his passing, and in respect for his memory and for his long record of service to the nation. Mrs. Nixon joins me in expressing deep sympathy to Mrs. Kirwan and members of the family."

LBJ's TRIBUTE

Former President Johnson said, "In times that demand the best, he always gave it. The nation has lost a stalwart public servant and the halls of Congress lost an outstanding legislator.

"MIKE KIRWAN's death brings to a close a long and remarkable record of service in the House of Representatives. His role in our country's affairs has been marked by distinction and by selfless dedication.

"We were classmates in the 75th Congress and I have cherished his friendship in all the years that have since passed. Mrs. Johnson and I mourn his passing and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family."

REPRESENTATIVE FEIGHAN'S MESSAGE

The duty of informing the House of Representatives officially as it convened yesterday fell to Rep. Michael A. Feighan of Cleveland. With the death of Mr. KIRWAN, he becomes the senior member of the Ohio delegation.

Feighan moved a quickly accepted resolution that at the conclusion of the day's business—a complex debate over changes in the organization of Congress—the House recess in respect to Mr. KIRWAN. It set Aug. 4 as the day when all members could express their sorrow.

Representative Wayne Hays of Flushing later interrupted the debate to inform the House of funeral arrangements.

Meanwhile, the 50 surviving colleagues of Mr. KIRWAN on the House Appropriations Committee adopted a memorial resolution honoring the Ohioan's 28 years service on the committee.

"One of the most devoted, respected and beloved members ever to serve in the House," the tribute said, Mr. KIRWAN was one who early recognized "the serious neglect of the precious and priceless natural resources of our nation and became a legislative champion of conservation with an unexcelled dedication of the protection, preservation and development of these resources."

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It said Mr. KIRWAN was "a deeply religious man, prideful of his humble beginnings and epitomizing what Emerson had in mind when he said that America was but another name of opportunity."

It also praised his efforts on behalf of adequate treatment of American Indians, the enhancement of the National Park System, wildlife resources and the public lands of the West.

Mr. KIRWAN's death deprives the Ohio 19th Congressional District of a vote in the House—in company with three other districts with vacancies—until a successor is chosen.

Mr. KIRWAN's office, however, will remain open to handle inquiries from constituents and other matters to provide continuous service for citizens of the Youngstown-Warren area.

RHODES STATEMENT

In Columbus, Gov. James A. Rhodes said, "Ohio will miss Rep. KIRWAN's strong voice on the House Appropriations Committee, particularly as chairman of its Subcommittee on Public Works."

Sen. Charles J. Carney, reached at the Ohio Senate in Columbus, where he is minority leader, said "I am deeply saddened by the passing of Congressman KIRWAN. He will be sorely missed by his district, state and nation. MIKE KIRWAN was a man of great common sense and a wonderful capacity for friendship. Last week while in Washington, House Speaker John McCormack told me that no man in Congress had more friends than MIKE KIRWAN. I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and family." * * *

[From the Warren (Ohio) Tribune Chronicle, July 30, 1970]

SERVICE HELD IN YOUNGSTOWN—LEADERS HONOR KIRWAN

YOUNGSTOWN.—The largest group of congressmen and national and state leaders ever to converge on this area attended last rites here today for 19th District Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, 83, of Youngstown, one of the most powerful and influential members of the U.S. Congress.

Fifty-four Members of Congress arrived at Youngstown Air Base at 9:15 a.m. today aboard a Presidential jet, U.S. Air Force 2. They had flown in from Andrews Air Force Base.

Heading the delegation were House Majority Leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma, expected to become Speaker next year, and his GOP counterpart, Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan.

Solemn services for Mr. KIRWAN, who died early Monday in Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, were held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Brendan's Church.

The Rt. Rev. William P. Maxwell, dean of the Mahoning County Catholic clergy and pastor of St. Brendan's, officiated at the final rites and burial was in the Kirwan family plot in Calvary Cemetery.

Under cloudy skies, hundreds of mourners, ranging from the local laborers to high national officials, paid their last respects to Representative KIRWAN.

Also attended the funeral services were top Democratic party officials, a representative of President Nixon, and many state officials and local dignitaries.

Father Maxwell eulogized KIRWAN as being "a simple humble man . . . with the common touch."

He said the late congressman will long be remembered for "his truthfulness, honesty, human concern and foresight."

Mrs. Alice Kirwan, the late congressman's wife, was composed and sober throughout the funeral this morning and was close to her three children: Michael Jr., John and Mary. The 20 Kirwan grandchildren served as honorary pallbearers.

The church was crowded far beyond its 600 seating capacity and outside hundreds more stood waiting for a glimpse of the casket.

Representing President Nixon was Richard Cook, special assistant to the President. In a telegram from the California White House, Nixon expressed sincere condolences to the Kirwan family and said the death of the congressman "deprived the nation of one of its most articulate public servants."

Msgr. Maxwell in his eulogy said "There is universal agreement that KIRWAN's life had been highly successful and others would do well to follow his example."

He cited KIRWAN's love of country and patriotism as one of his greatest attributes which endeared him to the people. Msgr. Maxwell said the two most notable accomplishments of the late congressman were his "constructive effort" to see that educational opportunities were given to all the people, and his fight to save the environment.

CITES KIRWAN'S GREATNESS

He continued to cite KIRWAN's greatness as being evidenced by the "large number of distinguished persons attending the service here today."

Referring to KIRWAN's "common touch" with the people the monsignor said KIRWAN's humbleness was shown by the fact that to "one and all" he was happy to answer to "MIKE."

Among the dignitaries attending the funeral were Lawrence O'Brien, national Democrat party chairman; Rep. Carl Albert, leading the congressional delegation; Youngstown Mayor Jack Hunter leading a large contingent of Youngstown dignitaries; State Sen. Charles J. Carney and Mrs. Margaret Dennison, respective Democrat and Republican candidates in the general election to succeed KIRWAN in his 19th district congressional seat; Congressman Robert Taft Jr., Howard Metzenbaum, John J. Gilligan, and representatives of each branch of the Armed Services and labor leaders from throughout the Mahoning Valley.

Several thousand persons visited the Fox Funeral Home here yesterday to pay their respects to the family. On Tuesday, more than 450 attended calling hours at the funeral home.

Members of the congressional delegation were invited by William Cafaro, developer of the Eastwood Mall, to have lunch at Cherry's at the Mall before returning to Washington.

Members of the House Appropriations Committee who were scheduled to attend the services were: Jamie L. Whitten, D-Miss., who succeeds KIRWAN as ranking Democrat; John J. Rooney, D-N.Y.; Robert L. F. Sikes, D-Fla.; Joe L. Evins, D-Tenn.; Daniel J. Flood, D-Pa.; Tom Steed, D-Okla.; Mrs. Julia Butler Hansen, D-Wash.; Rep. Joseph P. Addabbo, D-N.Y.; Edward P. Boland, D-Mass., and two Ohio Republicans, Frank T. Bow and William E. Minshall.

Besides Mahon, four committee chairmen were to attend: L. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., of Armed Services; John McMillan, D-S.C., the District of Columbia Committee; Thomas E. Morgan, D-Pa., of Foreign Affairs, and George P. Miller, D-Calif., of Science and Astronautics.

Other members of the Ohio delegation are senatorial nominee Robert Taft, Jr., Donald D. Clancy, Charles W. Whalen, Jr., William M. McCulloch, Delbert L. Latta, William H. Harsha, Clarence J. Brown, Jackson E. Betts, Clarence E. Miller, J. William Stanton, Samuel L. Devine, Charles A. Mosher, William H. Ayres, Chalmers P. Wylie, John W. Ashbrook, and Donald E. Lukens, all Republicans, and Thomas L. Ashley, Wayne L. Hays, Michael A. Feighan, Louis Stokes and Charles A. Vanik, all Democrats.

Others who planned to attend were House Majority Whip Hale Boggs, D-La.; Thomas G. Abernethy, D-Miss.; Ray J. Madden, D-Ind.; Philip J. Philbin, D-Mass.; Melvin Price, D-Ill.; James J. Delaney, D-N.J.; John C. Kluczynski, D-Ill.; Ed Edmondson, D-Okla.; Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., D-Mass.; John J. Rhodes, R-Ariz.; John J. Flynt, Jr., D-Ga.; Mrs. Martha W. Griffiths, D-Mich.; John J. McFall, D-Calif.; Tom Casey, D-Texas; and Neal Smith, D-Iowa.

[From the Youngstown Vindicator, July 31, 1970]

Burial Services Are Held at Calvary

(By Pete Sheehan)

U.S. Representative Michael J. Kirwan who lived most of his life on Youngstown's West Side was laid to rest beneath the shade of beautiful towering trees at Calvary Cemetery Thursday afternoon.

His grave, first in the family plot, is near the S. Belle Vista Avenue entrance in a section opened 15 years ago, about seven blocks from his long-time home on S. Hazelwood Avenue.

Hundreds of persons were waiting at the cemetery when the funeral procession arrived from St. Brendan Church, where hundeds more had attended services for the 83-year-old political great.

Rain threatened during the graveside service but held off until most people were back in their cars, ready to leave.

WILL EULOGIZE KIRWAN

Next Tuesday morning a memorial Mass will be offered in Washington and members of Congress will attend. At 4 p.m. Tuesday, members of the House of Representatives will make statements for the Congressional Record eulogizing the veteran of 17 terms.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Maxwell, Mr. Kirwan's pastor, conducted the brief graveside service. He and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew A. Prokop and the Rev. William H. Holman, concelebrants of the Mass, blessed the casket. With them was the Rev. Edward G. Latch, Methodist minister and chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington.

Following the services, each member of the Washington delegation of representatives, senators and political leaders expressed his sympathy to Mrs. Alice Kirwan, widow of the congressman, his son, Michael Jr., and his wife of McMurray, Pa., and daughter and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan of Washington, and Mrs. Roberta Messerly, his administrative assistant of many years.

The 45-member Washington delegation was about 20 members short of expectations because many were unable to attend at the last minute. Former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey also could not make the funeral.

TRIBUTE FROM OLD FRIEND

One of Mrs. Kirwan's oldest friends, James Law of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., paid the congressman a tribute when he said, "MIKE never forgot his old friends back home. He looked forward to seeing us and we always waited for his visits." Mr. Law is retired postmaster at Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. KIRWAN received nearly 125 floral tributes at the Fox Funeral Home, filling the area around the casket and other rooms. Among the notables sending flowers were James J. Farley, John J. Gilligan, U.S. Sen. and Mrs. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, Speaker of the House and Mrs. John J. McCormack, Lawrence F. O'Brien, Gov. and Mrs. John B. Williams of Mississippi and U.S. District Judge and Mrs. Frank J. Battisti. Gov. Williams attended the service.

Most of the flowers were sent to Assumption Nursing Home.

WILKINS SENDS CONDOLENCES

Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sent condolences to Mrs. Kirwan. He said, "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is grieved by the death of your beloved husband. We regarded him as a friend as we struggled to make freedom ring for America's Negro citizens. His civil rights record reflected the genuine concern that he had for all racial minorities. We who will carry on the fight for justice will sorely miss your husband's steady support of our cause. To you and your family go our deepest sympathy."

Mr. KIRWAN received an honorary doctorate of law from Central State a few years ago.

Wallace Geuss was in charge of music at the Mass and was soloist. He sang "Panis Angelicus" during Communion.

Area funeral directors furnished their automobiles and drivers to help the Fox Funeral Home take the visiting dignitaries from the airport to the church, the cemetery and back to the airport.

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NIXON, JOHNSON PAY TRIBUTE TO KIRWAN

President Richard M. Nixon and former President Lyndon B. Johnson today paid tribute to 19th District Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, 83,

of Youngstown, who died early yesterday at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.

The body of Congressman KIRWAN, who rose from a coal mining job to become one of the most powerful and influential members of the U.S. Congress, was scheduled to be flown back to Youngstown today for funeral services on Thursday.

CITE "GREAT LOSS"

Besides President Nixon and Johnson, hundreds of other governmental leaders and friends issued statements calling the congressman's death a "great loss" to the nation.

Congressman John McCormack, speaker of the House and a close friend of Mr. KIRWAN, announced plans to lead a Congressional delegation to the funeral services Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Brendan's Catholic Church, Youngstown. The Fox Funeral Home, Youngstown, is handling arrangements and there will be calling hours tonight from 8 to 9 and Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

BODY FLOWN HERE

Representative KIRWAN's body was scheduled to be taken from Bethesda Hospital and flown by Air Force jet to Youngstown Municipal Airport at noon today. Mrs. Kirwan is accompanying the body.

President Nixon, who plans to send a yet unannounced representative to the funeral, said in San Clemente, Calif.: "This death of Representative MICHAEL J. KIRWAN was a loss to the Congress, to the nation, and to me personally. I join his many other friends in sorrow at his passing, and in respect for his memory and for his long record of service to the nation."

Former President Johnson, a personal friend of Mr. KIRWAN, said in Johnson City, Tex., that "the nation lost a stalwart public servant and the halls of Congress lost an outstanding legislator. MIKE KIRWAN's death brings to a close a long and remarkable record of service in the House of Representatives."

TRUE LEADER

Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien called Representative KIRWAN a true leader and said, "His accomplishments in the environmental field—long before that issue became popular—will be his monument.

O'Brien added: "National parks, dams, reservoirs, and water conservation projects are in existence today as a result of his industry."

Representative KIRWAN, was the seventh ranking member of the House and was second ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee. He was chairman of the subcommittee on public works appropriations. He had served the 19th District for 17 consecutive terms. His term expires Jan. 1 and he did not seek re-election this year.

The U.S. Flag over the capitol in Washington, D.C., is being flown at half staff in his honor and flags have been lowered across the 19th District until after the funeral.

MUST SET ELECTION

Gov. James A. Rhodes, who led state officials in issuing his condolences to the Kirwan family, is expected to issue a writ of election within a few weeks setting a special primary and special election to choose someone to serve out Representative KIRWAN's unexpired term.

The governor is mandated by law to set the elections. He is expected to set the primary for September and the election to run concurrent with the Nov. 3 general election.

The primary must be held at least 15 days before the special election.

Candidates would have until 10 days before the primary to file petitions. Both Margaret Dennison, the Republican candidate for the full two-year Congressional term, and her Democrat opponent Ohio Sen. Charles Carney, have announced plans to seek the unexpired term.

The individual elected to the unexpired term will serve from Nov. 4 to Jan. 1, when the individual (possibly the same person), elected in the regular Congressional contest will assume the office for the next two years.

FLAGS LOWERED HERE FOR KIRWAN

Trumbull County commissioners late yesterday had the U.S. flags at the County Administration Building and the Court House lowered to half mast in honor of the late 19th District Cong. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, who died yesterday.

Commissioners indicated that a formal resolution paying tribute to Representative KIRWAN's years of service to the people of the district, will be adopted at their regular Thursday session.

The flags will be at half staff until KIRWAN's funeral on Thursday.

The flags at City Hall and the Post Office here also are at half staff until after the funeral.

[From the Youngstown Vindicator, July 27, 1970]

MAYOR LAUDS KIRWAN FOR LONG SERVICE

MICHAEL J. KIRWAN never forgot his friends and constituents in Youngstown and today he was hailed by Democrats and Republicans, labor and business alike, for his many accomplishments for the Mahoning Valley.

Mayor Jack C. Hunter said, "On behalf of the citizens of Youngstown, and the administration I wish to offer condolences to Mrs. Kirwan, and the Kirwan family. Congressman KIRWAN will be missed by all. He has served the 19th District long and well. He was always a model to all who served in public life.

William L. Spencer, president of the Youngstown Area Chamber of Commerce said, "The business community generally regrets the passing of Congressman KIRWAN. His contribution to the community and to conservation particularly throughout the nation, have been much appreciated. As a congressman and as a Youngstown area citizen, he will be greatly missed."

Frank Leseganich, director of District 26, United Steelworkers of America, said "On behalf of District 26, United Steelworkers of America, representing some 60,000 members I express our deepest sympathy on the loss of a sincere and loyal friend of labor. The years of service MIKE KIRWAN and the administration of his office will ever be synonymous with the growth and progress of our valley."

John J. Gilligan of Cincinnati, Democratic candidate for governor who served in Congress with KIRWAN in 1965 and 1966. "I join the people of Ohio and of the nation today in mourning the death of my good friend Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. Congressman KIRWAN served the people of his district and the people of the United States long and well. All of us who were touched by his life and his work are diminished by his passing.

Margaret Dennison, Republican candidate for the 19th District seat, said "The passing of Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN marks the end of an era in the history of the Mahoning Valley.

"As state representative I had the occasion to refer many cases to his congressional office and these were always handled in the best interest of our mutual constituents regardless of political consideration.

"Four great reservoirs stand as a lasting monument to the concern of Mr. KIRWAN for the long range prosperity of this region which can be granted only by adequate supplies of water.

"His name should forever be remembered in this valley, I extend my sympathy to the family and staff of Mr. KIRWAN."

Former Mayor Anthony B. Flask said "Mr. KIRWAN in my humble opinion was the true example of the opportunities of America—from a humble beginning to one of the highest places in our government. He was a great asset to our community and his country. His loss not only to this district, his state and his nation creates a void which shall take years to fill. MIKE was the typical American. We sincerely send our sympathy and regrets to his family and his many, many friends in America."

[From the Youngstown Vindicator, July 27, 1970]

COLLEAGUES PRAISE KIRWAN

House leaders on both parties who had known Representative MICHAEL J. KIRWAN during much of his long congressional term joined in paying tribute to his career today.

Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan said MIKE KIRWAN will be sorely missed in the Congress. He and I served together on the House Appropriation Committee * * * individual and an outstanding legislator.

END OF SUCCESS STORY

Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien said one of the great success stories ended today with the death of MIKE KIRWAN. He was born in poverty, worked in the mines and on the railroads, then went to Congress where the people kept him for 17 consecutive terms.

"In Washington his legislative and political contributions were countless. His accomplishments in the environmental field—as a result of his industry. The popular—will be his monument. National parks, dams, reservoirs and water conservation projects are in existence today as a result of his industry. The plight of the American Indians became MIKE KIRWAN'S special concern.

O'Brien said KIRWAN'S record as a politician speaks for itself, noting that since he became chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign committee in 1947 the Democrats lost control of the House only once.

"MOST REMARKABLE MAN"

Majority Leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma, conceded to be the next speaker if the Democrats win the November elections, said that in many ways KIRWAN was "the most remarkable man I have ever known. Almost literally self-educated, born in poverty and grown in poverty, KIRWAN never forgot the American dream." He said that as chairman of the campaign committee "the Ohioan has become almost irreplaceable."

Dillon Ripley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, praised KIRWAN'S efforts on behalf of the nation's largest complex of museums and laboratories since becoming a member of the board of regents in 1962. Besides helping provide the appropriations to finance extensive expansion of the Smithsonian's facilities, he was responsible for having the museum remain open evenings during the tourist season.

LAUDED BY BOW

Rep. Frank T. Bow from the neighboring 16th District, ranking Republican on the Appropriations Committee, said, "Although we had opposite political views on many subjects, we've been able to work together for the good of our area. He was a great power here in the House and will be missed. I consider MIKE KIRWAN a great American, a fine legislator and a very devout Christian gentleman."

The committee chairman, Rep. George Mahon of Texas, who was first elected only two years before KIRWAN, said "People respected him, they didn't have to guess where he stood.

"He didn't have Shakespearean polish in his language but he had a heart of gold and he got his message over."

WAS STABILIZING FORCE

Mahon described Mr. KIRWAN as a stabilizing force on the 51-man committee and a dedicated advocate of the preservation of the environment and development of American resources.

Mahon added that Representative KIRWAN "fought a valiant unbelievable battle against the illnesses which struck him a year ago."

Representative KIRWAN'S counterpart as chairman of the Senate Public Works Appropriation Subcommittee, Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D-La., said "MIKE KIRWAN and I shared the concern for protecting and preserving our

nation's water resources and I know his loss will be great both to the Congress and the people of his district."

Representative James Whitten, D-Miss., who replaces Mr. KIRWAN as ranking member of the Appropriations Committee, said, "MIKE KIRWAN was a farsighted man who did more than any 50 men to provide for the future of all of us. Luckily, there are literally thousands of monuments in the form of public works which will stand in his memory."

NEVER FORGOT ORIGIN

Representative Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Miss., number two man on the Democratic congressional campaign committee which Mr. KIRWAN headed since 1947, said "MIKE never forgot his origin nor the oppression of poverty and he was determined to see that every American could partake of the American dream. He will be sorely missed by his friends and colleagues. We will all miss his leadership and will miss his warm friendship."

While tributes to Mr. KIRWAN have been frequent through the years, just a month ago (June 24) praise for the veteran congressman was entered in the Record by more than a dozen colleagues of the appropriations public works subcommittee, which he served as chairman.

The occasion was the House package of the $5,242,556,000 public works appropriation measure, the result of his leadership.

Among the tributes then from members of the House of Representatives including those on the committee who carried on KIRWAN's responsibilities during his illness were:

Representative Joe L. Evins of Tennessee: "We miss his great leadership and commitment for progress through internal improvements—the great force of his leadership for growth and development of our nation."

Representative Edward P. Boland of Massachusetts: "His diamond-rough and unique personality have left their marks into perpetuity on the face of our nation."

Representative John Rhodes of Arizona: "Certainly the members of this side of the aisle have as much regard for MIKE KIRWAN as do members on the other side. We thank him for the great services he has rendered to the House of Representatives and to our country in his great career as a member of this body."

Representative Don H. Clausen of California: "He will always be recognized as a great builder of projects which have certainly been worthwhile."

Mrs. Martha Griffiths of Michigan: "America is the lesser because this man is not here today to help us out."

Bryon G. Rogers of Colorado: "He has always been a man one can go to, one who understood the problem, who were sympathetic with the problem, who knew we had to continue to preserve the natural resources of this country."

CITES KIRWAN'S LEADERSHIP

Ed Edmondson of Oklahoma: "We are going to miss MIKE KIRWAN in the 92nd Congress and in the Congresses to follow. No one has surpassed him in either leadership or statesmanship in the advancement of this cause."

George Andrews of Alabama: "This was really MIKE's bill, because this is the bill that makes America the beautiful."

Ben Reifel of South Dakota: "America is a far better land because MIKE looked out for it."

[From the Youngstown Vindicator, July 27, 1970]

CONGRESSMAN KIRWAN DIES AT 83; SERVED DISTRICT SINCE 1937

Representative MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, 83, of 236 S. Hazelwood Ave., the 19th Congressional District's voice in Washington since 1937 and seventh ranking member of the House of Representatives in Seniority, died at 12:45 a.m. today in Bethesda Naval Hospital. He had been in the hospital since May 8, 1969, after falling at the University Club, where he resided, and breaking a vertebra.

Speaker of the House John McCormack was scheduled to officially announce Mr. KIRWAN's death at today's brief session of the House, appoint an official delegation to attend the funeral in Youngstown, probably Thursday.

Other delegations from the congressional leadership and Appropriations Committee also will attend as will a representative of President Nixon.

The business of Mr. KIRWAN's office in the Rayburn Building will continue until a successor is certified through a special election. Mrs. Roberta Messerly, his executive assistant for many years, is in charge.

DIED OF COMPLICATIONS

Aides said Mr. KIRWAN's death was due to complications from the fall. He had been unable to be in his office regularly but had kept up with current events and the business before Congress. Last March 11 he received a surprise visit in the hospital from President Nixon.

Youngstowners in Washington recently were told he was weakening and his condition was getting worse. His wife, Mrs. Alice Kirwan, a granddaughter, Maria Owens and a few close aides were with him when he died. He had been in a wheel chair earlier Sunday and appeared in good spirits. Relatives were called to the hospital about 11 p.m.

Flags on all government buildings in the nation's capital will be at half staff for three days.

Flags on all city and county buildings in the 19th District also will fly at half staff until the day after his funeral.

Considered one of the top leaders in the Democratic party for a generation, Mr. KIRWAN was widely known all across the country as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. He was the second ranking member of the Appropriations Committee.

Although Mr. KIRWAN had had a diabetic condition for several years, he retained relatively good health until he fell. He campaigned here in the fall of 1968 and as the new Congress opened, he was in the Capitol performing his duties. He was re-elected chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Campaign Committee and a trustee of the Smithsonian Institution.

He had been at Bethesda Naval Hospital with an electric pacer on his heart, but seemed to respond well.

In history, Mr. KIRWAN will be remembered for the part he played in sustaining the nation's defense stance before the outbreak of World War II; his work for conservation all over the country, including Mosquito, West Branch, Shenango and Berlin reservoirs in the Youngstown district; his aid for education of reservation Indians and for school facilities in American Samoa and Pacific mandated islands.

In the Democratic party, he served as chairman of the National Congressional Campaign Committee longer than any other man, and was the first northerner to hold the office. Mr. KIRWAN's party leadership brought him into close contact with Presidents Truman, Kennedy and Johnson.

Mr. KIRWAN was born Dec. 2, 1886 in Plains, Pa., a suburb of Wilkes-Barre, a son of John and Mary Duddy Kirwan. His father, a hardcoal miner, died at an early age of "miner's asthma" from the black dust.

MICHAEL was the third in a family of 10 children, and managed only three years of formal education in the Plainsville four-room school. At the age of 7 he began work as a breaker boy.

Joining the mine workers' union as a boy, he was fleet of foot and for a time was a runner or messenger when strike trouble beset the hard coal region, and the operators and union staged almost open war.

Mr. KIRWAN met Miss Alice Kane of Wilkes-Barre in 1912 and corresponded with her during World War I, when he served in France as a sergeant in the 348th Machine Gun Company. They were married Sept. 15, 1920—shortly after he located permanently in Youngstown.

Mr. KIRWAN leaves his wife; two sons, Michael J. Jr. of McMurray, Pa., and John of Honolulu; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Alice Vaughn of Washington; a brother, John and a sister, Mrs. Marguerite Zorzi of Wilkes-Barre and 20 grandchildren.

LEFT MINING AT 16: ROAMED UNITED STATES DOING VARIETY OF JOBS

His early life had been spent roving about the country working for railroads and employed in many occupations, even wheat harvesting.

Mr. KIRWAN left the mines when he was 16. He took a job at $1.25 a day in a lace mill, but soon left to rove over the country for three years.

He worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and in other fields. Working in Duquesne, Pa., he was walking about one Sunday and couldn't see a tree like those in his native Wilkes-Barre, at the foot of the Pocono Mountains, and near the banks of the Susquehana River. He decided to leave such a barren place, and walked to McKees Rocks, and took a P.&L.E. train to Youngstown, arriving July 4, 1907. He went to work at the Ohio Works, but

two years later went roaming, from Chicago to California, where he worked for a time tearing down buildings damaged in the earthquake. Later he worked and boarded in a house in what is now part of Los Angeles metropolitan center.

WORKED IN CALIFORNIA

In Los Angeles, Mr. KIRWAN worked on the McHolland Aqueduct, and for short stretches at a power plant in Redlands, Calif., and as a brakeman on the Southern Pacific out of Bakersfield. In an oil field near Bakersfield, he earned $2 an hour in building a pool with sacks to contain the flow of a new 35,000-barrel well.

Before returning to Youngstown in 1911, he worked in lumber camps and cut wheat in Oklahoma and Texas.

Back at the Ohio Works, he was a railroader in 1911 and 1912. Beginning in 1912 he worked the winter months in Youngstown and the summer months for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Lehigh Valley out of Atlantic City. He returned to Youngstown in 1916, was drafted into the Army in 1917, entering as a replacement in the 64th Artillery of the regular Army, composed of Ohioans.

After training at New Orleans, the unit left for France, four months after the United States entered the war.

Back here after the war, Mr. KIRWAN returned to the Ohio Works. During the depression, his interest turned to politics, and he was elected 4th Ward councilman in 1931. Giving virtually full time to the job, he developed a record of public service.

The congressman was fond of recalling the advice of a Vindicator city hall reporter, Irving L. Mansell (now managing editor) when he entered city council. Mansell, he said, told him not to speak in his first term, but to listen. Becoming chairman of the council finance committee, he wielded an important influence in city politics for four years.

BEAT VETERAN REPUBLICAN FOR CONGRESS SEAT IN '36

In 1935, he entered the race for mayor but withdrew. A year later, he won the Democratic nomination for 19th District Congressman against eight rivals. The district then included three counties, Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula. Mr. KIRWAN was supported by the Townsend plan group, then regarded as radical.

In November, 1936, KIRWAN won over Representative John G. Cooper, Republican, who had served for 22 years.

In Washington to begin his term, Mr. KIRWAN stayed at the Carroll-Arms Hotel, now the Capitol Hill Hotel. Another newcomer to Washington also stayed there—Lyndon Baines Johnson.

LONGTIME FRIEND OF LBJ

Their friendship lasted through the years and once at the LBJ ranch in Johnson City, when KIRWAN was in a visiting congressional group the

John- * * * chairman of the National Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Success in electing Democrat congresses in the 1950's during the Eisenhower administration brought him great recognition.

Mr. KIRWAN crossed President Franklin D. Roosevelt's wishes in June, 1939 by voting for the Townsend Bill because he believed government could and should do more for elderly people. Nevertheless, Roosevelt came here Oct. 11, 1940, to back up KIRWAN's campaign for reelection.

In the 1940 presidential campaign, while backing Roosevelt, Mr. KIRWAN braved unfavorable reaction to speak for building the nation's defenses, as war raged in Europe. That fall, he piled up an amazing majority of 46,492 votes.

VOTED FOR GUAM'S DEFENSE, LEND-LEASE TO AID ALLIES

To strengthen defense, Mr. KIRWAN voted for the Guam defense bill and lifting the embargo on arms shipments to future allies. He voted for the lend-lease bill, and after it passed Congress, Mr. KIRWAN jubilantly carried it to the White House for presidential signature.

In a speech, Mr. KIRWAN predicted war was sure to come. He resisted hundreds of telegrams against the Selective Service Act. He was one of only two Ohio representatives to back it.

WINS TRUMAN'S PRAISE

Mr. KIRWAN's legislative skill brought praise from President Truman in 1949. Of his piloting the Interior Department bill through Congress, Mr. Truman remarked, "The Interior Bill was the best we've ever got through the House. MIKE KIRWAN deserves the major credit. He fought it through the appropriations subcommittee, through the full committee and finally through the House over the protests of the private power lobby. I think the world of MIKE. In my opinion he is one of the most outstanding and ablest legislators we have in Congress."

Mr. KIRWAN was an admirer of President Woodrow Wilson and had been on trains that shuttled his car. In his years as councilman, Mr. KIRWAN studied much about Wilson and other famous Americans including Boies Penrose, famed Pennsylvania Republican boss of the late 19th century.

An array of writing by prominent correspondents as well as authors and columnists testifies to Mr. KIRWAN's place in the history of his times. He was particularly happy to be included among the top 1,000 Americans since colonial times, in a publishing venture of the Gale Research Co., in March 1968.

LISTED WITH TOP MEN

The noted author, Tristram Coffin, carried him among nationally prominent men in a series of articles on prominent men.

In recent years, Mr. KIRWAN stayed at the University Club, quite a distance from the Capitol. He walked back and forth until his recent illnesses.

He delighted in telling how he got into the University Club, despite his very limited education. He had worked as a boy at Heidelberg Mine No. 1, and on

entering the club, he simply replied "Heidelberg No. 1," when asked what his university affiliation was.

Shortly afterward he received a letter from someone visiting Heidelberg University in Germany which remarked, "It is surprising the number of professors here who remember you." This story is typical of many told about Mr. KIRWAN, who relished humorous situations.

WAS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC; SAID ROSARY ON ARISING

But there was a very serious side to him. A devout Cartholic and member of St. Brendan Church, Mr. KIRWAN always said the Rosary on arising.

Mr. KIRWAN took the nation's problems seriously. The U.S. Forestry people attest to that, and Mr. KIRWAN is credited with going out of his way in a Denver visit to inspect the destruction wrought by spruce beetles and then getting appropriations which resulted in saving an estimated 12 billion board feet of lumber.

Agriculture and Interior Department secretaries in administration after administration found in Mr. KIRWAN a sympathetic listener for their needs.

UDALL LISTS PROJECTS

Said Johnson's Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall, "Everywhere you look, you see projects KIRWAN supported for America. He has done more for conservation than anyone else in Congress."

Johnson's Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, said, "KIRWAN is a professional, a pillar of strength in the Congress." The late U.S. Sen. Robert Kerr of Oklahoma in his book, "Land and Waters," devoted a full chapter to Mr. KIRWAN, ranking him with the late President Theodore Roosevelt in accomplishment for conservation.

A few months after Mr. KIRWAN took office, a $1 million improvement for Ashtabula and Conneaut harbors passed Congress. This was the beginning of the deluge of public works that flowed into all corners of the district, and through schools, bridges, roads, etc., touching and bettering the lives of virtually every resident.

BACKED TVA PROJECT

Returned for his second term, Mr. KIRWAN joined four other Ohio representatives backing the controversial Tennessee Valley Authority, which he regarded as an example of conservation and development of natural resources for the public welfare.

The district in 1939, got $22 million in Works Progress Administration projects alone. In July there was a post office for Campbell and city hall for Lowellville.

Throughout 1940 he backed many water transportation, conservation and pollution programs. He obtained $110,750 in federal aid for Meander Reservoir and pledged his aid to fight for a satisfactory water supply for Warren.

His efforts for his district bore more fruit in January 1942, when he personally broke ground for the $6 million Berlin Dam project. In July 1943 he

took similar action for the $5 million Mosquito Reservoir. It was Mr. KIRWAN's last-minute action in having the dam's appropriation inserted in the Bill that saved it. Very few in the nation were approved that year, when war pressures virtually stopped public works. Mr. KIRWAN argued effectively that the dam would protect the vital steel mills of the Mahoning Valley from drought and flood—and nature proved, a year or so later, that the protection was needed.

WAS PROUD OF STATUE SYMBOLIZING "MR. DEMOCRAT"

A simple man in many respects, Mr. KIRWAN for several years treasured a statue of "Mr. Democrat" in his Washington office.

The statue shows an Irish workman with his sleeves rolled up, ready to fight. There were only five made, and Lyndon Johnson, while in Congress, gave his to the Youngstown congressman.

FOUR HAD COPY

Later, as President, LBJ borrowed it back for deposit in the $40-million Johnson Library being constructed in Texas. Another copy, given to FDR, is in the Hyde Park Museum.

It was Mr. KIRWAN who made the statue famous and it always will be associated in the minds of Johnson and other KIRWAN colleagues at Washington with the Irish-American congressman from Youngstown.

His service in government brough Mr. KIRWAN national and even international recognition. Arkansas State University, Toledo Municipal University, and Vincennes University of Indiana, each conferred doctor of laws degrees on the Youngstown legislator.

HONORED BY YU

Oklahoma City University conferred on him a doctor of humanities degree; the University of Colorado, a degree of doctor of civil laws and Youngstown University, a degree of doctor of conservation.

Mr. KIRWAN's brief biography in "Who's Who in America," lists membership only in the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. However, he received more than three-score citations and commendations during his career, and was made an honorary member of many organizations, including the Downtown Kiwanis Club and United Labor Congress. He also was admitted to Indian Tribes and given other symbolic memberships.

MET WORLD LEADERS

His travels as congressman brought him into contact with many of the world's leading statesmen, among them the former King of Greece. He also always was in close touch with the Irish ambassador to the United States, especially around St. Patrick's Day.

In his work as an appropriations subcommittee chairman, Mr. KIRWAN visited project areas, frequently taking what might be regarded as unattrac-

tive congressional junkets to see the needs firsthand. One of these trips took him to American Samoa, and an educational television and radio station there is named after him.

Island Housing Projects Were Named in His Honor

A housing project in Campbell is named for him; so is one on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, where officials and citizens wanted to recognize the help he gave the islands while on the Interior appropriations subcommittee.

The Youngstown district has known Mr. Kirwan and supported him as a champion for water resource development here and as a congressman aggressive enough to get full consideration in federal allocations for education and other purposes.

FOUGHT FOR CANAL

Almost single-handedly at times, Mr. Kirwan battled for the Ohio River-Lake Erie Waterway, and through his work a favorable recommendation was made on it. Opposition of Pennsylvania and lack of Ohio support have thus far frustrated accomplishment of "Kirwan's ditch," as some opponents dubbed it.

Despite frustration about the waterway, 1969 brought to a successful climax one of Mr. Kirwan's most cherished projects, an aquarium for the nation's capitol. Ground is to be broken when the federal new building freeze is lifted for the $10 million project, expected to become a top tourist attraction.

Citations and awards line the walls of Mr. Kirwan's congressional offices in Washington. Among them, perhaps should be mentioned Time Magazine's calling him a "nation builder" in October, 1966; "Vision Future" Washington Memorial award of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress given in June 1965; Ohio Valley Improvement Association honor in October 1965; 55-year membership pin of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, June, 1968.

ESCORTED FDR HERE

Mr. Kirwan's association with presidents and others of the nation's great was extensive. He rode with the late President Roosevelt as he came to inspect plants here prior to the outbreak of World War II.

He campaigned with the late Adlai E. Stevenson in his Democratic presidential campaigns of 1952 and 1956. He made plane trips with JFK to the Far West, to Arkansas, to the funeral of House Speaker Sam Rayburn in Texas, and to view East Coast storm damage. In the 1968 campaign, he introduced Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey on the steps of Stambaugh Auditorium as he brought his presidential campaign to Youngstown.

Got Truman as Speaker

Mr. Kirwan arranged the visit of former President Truman to Youngstown in 1962, and was responsible for a succession of distinguished Democrats

speaking at Democratic dinners here. Once he even went out of his way to procure a distinguished Republican speaker for the Mahoning Valley McKinley Club's annual dinner.

Always at work for some project in the district, Mr. KIRWAN was given much credit for getting a branch office of the federal district court here, and getting the appointment as U.S. district judge for Frank Battisti, who was elevated from the Mahoning County Common Pleas bench. He also helped to establish the Mahoning Valley Vocational School at the airport.

WAS CLOSE TO RAYBURN

Among Mr. KIRWAN's intimates at Washington were the late Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn of Texas and the present speaker, John McCormack of Massachusetts.

Speaker McCormack has likened Mr. KIRWAN's career to that of one of the Horatio Alger's heroes. Such public figures as Chief Justice Earl Warren and Presidents Johnson, Truman and Kennedy heaped praise on Mr. KIRWAN for diligent work in Congress and in the field of conservation.

The late newspaper columnist, Raymond Clapper, once asserted that Mr. KIRWAN got more federal money for his district than any other legislator. News columnists frequently commented on Mr. KIRWAN's work, among them Drew Pearson, who sometimes got into KIRWAN's hair over what he termed "pork-barrel" conservation projects. Mr. KIRWAN always was quick to respond.

WON ELECTIONS EASILY

While Mr. KIRWAN won elections to Congress in the 1936 FDR landslide by a comparatively small majority, he had wider margins in most elections therafter. Often nothing more than what might be termed "token opposition," appeared.

In 1938 he had perhaps his narrowest fight, winning over the late Atty. William P. Barnum, who had been a common pleas judge and county Republican chairman. In recent elections, Mr. KIRWAN often received 65 to 70 percent of the vote cast, and the 19th Ohio district came to be regarded as a safe Democratic district.

As a campaigner, even after many years of service, Mr. KIRWAN was a man-to-man operator, often traveling around the district day after day, seeing people. In some recent campaigns, however, he became so deeply involved in the national effort that he had little time to spend here. His friends carried on for him, and in quick visits he managed to cover much territory.

SENT FLAGS TO SCHOOLS

Mr. KIRWAN sent scores of American flags to schools, veterans posts, Scout troops and other organizations after they had flown over the Capitol. Few knew that each involved considerable expense to him.

Mr. KIRWAN was a special guest and speaker at hundreds of dedications over the nation, among them the Honolulu Harbor modernization project dedicated in 1959.

His wide interests showed up at every turn in his career. For instance, he was instrumental in obtaining the designation of William Holmes McGuffey's boyhood home in Coitsville Township as an historic site. He also was credited with getting the royal Spanish portraits for the Arms Museum in Youngstown.

Volunteers of America named him to their National Advisory Board in 1964, and he took a keen interest in their work.

MONDAY, *November 23, 1970*

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I have noted that successor to the Honorable MIKE KIRWAN has been sworn in as a Member of the U.S. Congress. He is the Honorable Charles J. Carney. He comes to us with an uncommon touch, for he automatically will inherit some of the great feeling of warmth and friendship which was reserved for MIKE KIRWAN in the Congress. We wish MIKE's successor well. We shall all be a little more helpful to him than to most newcomers because he is MIKE's successor and MIKE was greatly beloved by the House.

I recall very well what a sad day it was in the House when we learned that MIKE KIRWAN was no longer with us. We had known that this was inevitable, because of his long illness. But he had filled such an important niche for so many years that it was hard to give him up. Undoubtedly, MIKE KIRWAN will go down in history as one of the all-time great Congressmen. He was a leader who fought for America. He, more than any other man, established a pattern for the improvement and development of America's natural resources, and he set the stage and implemented the great work which is taking place all over our Nation today.

There are few of us who served with him who are not personally indebted to MIKE KIRWAN for assistance somewhere along the line in our own efforts to improve the waterway and other facilities of our own Districts. MIKE was always willing to listen and willing to help a Member if the cause was right, and his help was invaluable.

I do not think any Member of the House has ever enjoyed a greater number of warm friendships within the House. He was that kind of man. Each of us who were privileged to share his friendship can be thankful that we knew such a man and that we could profit from

the examples of leadership and devotion to duty which he demonstrated.

The name and work of MIKE KIRWAN will long endure. He wrote a page in congressional history that is great and lasting.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

IN THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADDRESS BY HON. EMILIO Q. DADDARIO

OF CONNECTICUT

Mr. Speaker, with deep sadness and great respect, I take this opportunity to mark the passing of our honored colleague, Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN of Ohio. Mr. KIRWAN will long be remembered by all of us as a legislative leader whose record of 33 years in the House of Representatives is distinguished by his vigorous leadership of the Democratic Party's Campaign Committee and of the House Public Works Committee. Mr. KIRWAN further served his country and his constituency as an ardent conservationist and a champion of the cause of the too often forgotten American Indian.

As the self-educated son of an immigrant coal miner, Mr. KIRWAN typified the American spirit, lifting himself out of poverty to become the Representative of Ohio's 19th District in Congress in 1937.

His flamboyant personality and long service to society will serve as his memorial for many years to come. Dozens of dams, powerplants, and parks can be attributed to his personal efforts. For these, and his many other accomplishments, we in the Congress and all Americans are indebted to MICHAEL KIRWAN.

ADDRESS BY HON. OLIN E. TEAGUE

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, with the passing of MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, the Nation lost a great public servant. Ohio lost one of its finest Representatives. The Congress lost a dedicated and progressive Member. The Democratic Party lost a stalwart leader. I lost a true friend.

MIKE KIRWAN always made his own way, from his boyhood days as an adventurer and laborer in young America to the days of substantial power in his party and in the Congress. His code of treating others as he liked to be treated gained him vast admiration and a host of true friends. It also gained him a few enemies, but he even took pride in them, noting that his enemies always told as much about a man as his friends.

The contributions of MIKE KIRWAN to the preservation of America's resources and the conservation of her lands and her waters will be his monument. His 34 years of active service in Congress spanned many eras, and he was in the forefront of most of the legislative movements which changed America from a frontier land into the world's mightiest industrial Nation.

MIKE KIRWAN was always there when his country needed him, and when his friends needed him. He served his Nation well. His memory will long sustain many in this body; would that we all leave as great a legacy as MIKE KIRWAN.

ADDRESS BY HON. HENRY HELSTOSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Chairman, it was indeed a shock to me to hear of the death of our beloved colleague, effective legislator, and loyal friend, MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, Representative of the 19th District of Ohio.

The story of MICHAEL KIRWAN is one which reflects the opportunities of this Nation, to those who are willing and able to work to achieve noble goals.

MIKE, as he was affectionately known to us, was born on December 2, 1886. He was a coal miner's son and dropped out of school after the third grade to help support the family. He worked in the coal mines, a trainman on the railroads, in lumber camps, and in oilfields.

MIKE had the fortitude and perseverance to carve out an extremely successful career in the service of his fellow man, first as a member of the Youngstown City Council in which he served two terms, then as a Member of Congress to which he was elected for 17 consecutive terms.

My first contact with MIKE KIRWAN came soon after I came to Congress and I have found him to be a warm friend whose friendship I valued very highly. I also value his sage advice and the solicitude he had for the younger Members of this honorable body. This will always stay with me.

Several months ago MIKE announced his decision not to seek reelection to the House at the conclusion of his present term. It is a great pity that he was not able to complete his 34th year as a Member of Congress. MIKE has answered his last "rollcall" when, on July 27, 1970, the Almighty chose to take him from this earth of trouble and turmoil to his heavenly reward.

The two lines in the Congressional Directory are known for their brevity, but saying it with:

MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN, Democrat, of Youngstown, Ohio, elected to the 75th and each succeeding Congress.

does not express the achievements of a courageous and outspoken advocate of some of the most important programs enacted by Congress.

He espoused the development of our resources, improvement of our rivers and harbors for navigation, our conservation programs, irrigation and reclamation, and many other vital programs.

MIKE KIRWAN is not with us anymore, but his spirit will surely continue to inspire all who were honored by his friendship. We will always cherish the heritage he leaves—loyalty, integrity, and honesty.

I wish to extend my sincere condolences to Mrs. Kirwan, his three children, and the members of his family in the great loss that they sustained in his passing to the great beyond.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN M. MURPHY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Chairman, by any standard, my friend and colleague MIKE KIRWAN was a great man, a most unusual man. His life was one of dedication to his God, his country, and his family. In a sense, we are all lesser men because MIKE has left us, yet his mark is left on all of us who were lucky enough to know him. Last week, I and many of

my colleagues attended the funeral rites for MIKE KIRWAN—the one-time coal mine breaker boy who rose to true greatness as a distinguished and respected Member of the House of Representatives for nearly 34 years. I will miss him, we all will miss him. Mr. Speaker, under the leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following story from Roll Call on the death of my dear friend, MIKE KIRWAN.

REPRESENTATIVE MIKE KIRWAN—WAS A HOUSE POWER

Representative MIKE KIRWAN, one of the last of the colorful longtime powers in the House, died Monday at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Brusque, sentimental, possessed of a natural political instinct and an expert in the use of power, KIRWAN was loved and respected by his colleagues and the myriad persons he dealt with as Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of House Appropriations and as Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee.

Representative KIRWAN, 83, had been hospitalized since June 1969, when he fell in his University Club apartment and broke a vertebra in his back. He suffered from diabetes and, unaccustomed to taking orders from anyone, disregarded doctors who advised against drinking ("They gave me six months, years ago, I outlived them all").

One of the most personally potent members of the House, Representative KIRWAN never, in his third of a century of service, became Chairman of a full committee. Representative George Mahon (D-Texas) came to Congress two years prior to his arrival, and succeeded to the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee in 1964 upon the death of Chairman Clarence Cannon.

The Ohio Democrat served as Chairman of the House Democratic Congressional Committee for 23 years. Republicans gained control of the House only once during that time, even though KIRWAN's committee staff rarely numbered more than five.

Representative KIRWAN's biggest day each year was St. Patrick's Day. On March 17 he threw the biggest St. Patrick's Day party in town, a favorite of such Irishmen as the late John Kennedy and the late Speaker Rayburn. Whiskey flowed freely, green hats and badges were distributed to all, and above all, there was singing. Congressmen join with staffers, agency bigwigs and professionals like Phil Reagan and Carmel Quinn in harmonizing the Irish repertoire. Representative KIRWAN rarely joined in the vocalizing, but derived patent enjoyment from the musical camaraderie.

Representative KIRWAN was first elected to the 75th Congress in 1937. In this decade he announced several times at victory celebrations "this will be my last term." He made the same announcement in 1968, and this time he meant it.

Representative Joe Evins (D-Tenn.) is next in line for the chairmanship of the Public Works Subcommittee. Since Representative KIRWAN's hospitalization, Representatives Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (D-Mass.) and Ed Edmondson (D-Okla.) have been acting co-chairmen of the Democratic Congressional Committee.

Representative KIRWAN was the second-oldest member of the House, and ranked seventh in seniority. When the oldest member, Representative William Dawson (D-Ill.), retires this session, Representative Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), 82, will be the oldest member as well as member with the most seniority.

ADDRESS BY HON. MARIO BIAGGI

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Chairman, I join with my other colleagues here today to pay tribute to a man who, although never in the public limelight, was nevertheless a beacon in many ways to the Members of this body.

Elected in the midst of this country's most difficult period, the depression, his courage and spirit of resolve were solidly formed in those early years. As the war passed and this Nation grew in power and strength, so too did the venerable MIKE KIRWAN. Under his tutelage and ever watchful eye the Democratic Congressional Committee which he headed was instrumental in maintaining the leadership of this body for all but one Congress during the last 23 years.

His physical stamina, his political acumen, his understanding spirit, must have been forged and honed at the steel mills that abound in his eastern Ohio district.

I am certain that his passing will represent an irreplaceable loss to his loyal constituency in Ohio and his country. I, too, feel a personal loss. As a freshman in this body it was comforting to know a man like MIKE KIRWAN was around to guide you. My most heartfelt sympa-

thies are extended to his family and friends whose sorrow at this time is shared by so many of their fellow Americans.

ADDRESS BY HON. FRANK M. CLARK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Chairman, MIKE KIRWAN was the epitomization of the American story that a man can go as far in this country as he has the courage and determination to go.

His life story well could have been the plot for an Horatio Alger novel. Born to poverty, he was truly a self-made man. What he lacked in formal education he made up in commonsense. Hard work and determination were the tools of his success. He did not wait for opportunity to be brought to him on a silver tray. He went out and worked for his goals.

MIKE KIRWAN was a dedicated public servant who regarded public office as a public trust. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was a devoted husband and father. He was a true friend.

MIKE was, in every way, a truly remarkable person. He was a delightful and colorful colleague, and a real giant in the political arena.

ADDRESS BY HON. MORRIS K. UDALL

OF ARIZONA

Mr. Chairman, I join with all my colleagues who have spoken in tribute to the late MIKE KIRWAN of Ohio. It was my pleasure to serve with this unusual and remarkable man for more than 9 years. Of him it can truly be said that America is a different and far better place because of his vision and his congressional service. He saw clearly the need to build our country and to invest in the development of its resources.

MIKE was a refreshingly candid—and even blunt—public servant. He never left any doubt of his position on any issue. Ohio and America were well served by this good man. We will miss him.

ADDRESS BY HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Chairman, I was deeply saddened by the passing of Congressman KIRWAN. MIKE was a man whose ideals provided me with a great source of inspiration over the years and I shall always remember his counsel and advice. He will certainly live on in the hearts of many.

He was a true friend not only of his colleagues, but of all the people of Ohio; for he was a great servant of the people, with sensitivity and deep compassion for their problems. I join with my colleagues in extending my heartfelt sympathy to MIKE's family.

ADDRESS BY HON. SPARK M. MATSUNAGA

OF HAWAII

Mr. Chairman, when I came to the House of Representatives for the first time in 1963, MICHAEL KIRWAN was beginning his 14th term in Congress. Seldom has any legislative body had such long and distinguished service from a Member.

MIKE KIRWAN was a good man, a thoughtful man, an extraordinarily kind man, rich in years and in accomplishments. He had an amazing memory of details of past happenings and it was a delight to listen to him. I had the good fortune on many occasions just to sit with him in the rear seats of the House and to strike up a conversation with him. I profited as a student.

Long before it became fashionable, MIKE KIRWAN expressed his concern for protecting the natural beauty of our land and water.

Long before it became the thing to do, MIKE KIRWAN fought for the betterment of the American Indian.

His basic philosophy, at least from the viewpoint of those, like me, who knew him, was one that has withstood centuries of assault—he treated others as he wished others to treat him. Busy as he was, as chairman of the important Subcommittee on Public Works of the House Appropriations Committee, he was always generous with his time and never refused to meet with constituents of mine who sought through me to discuss with him problems with which they were deeply concerned. For this I shall remain forever grateful to his memory.

Ohio's 19th District has lost an outstanding representative. The Congress has lost a skilled and dedicated legislator. The country has lost a patriotic, caring American. And we who knew MIKE KIRWAN have lost a true friend indeed.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM S. MAILLIARD

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Chairman, last week our Nation lost a man of courage and vision, a man who rose from the humblest of origins to a position of great responsibility in this body, the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Works, Congressman KIRWAN was a vital force behind Federal efforts to improve our environment long before such a stance was in fashion. His great legacy includes the numerous national parks, dams, and water conservation projects which resulted from his tireless efforts.

MIKE KIRWAN was deeply admired and respected by both his colleagues and his constituents, who returned him to office 17 times. To be sure, MIKE could be tough, as anyone who clashed with him on an issue can attest. But within this confident exterior of a man risen from the mines, oilfields, forests, and farms, was a sentimental and compassionate heart of an Irishman.

MIKE KIRWAN truly embodied Emerson's belief that:

America is but another name for opportunity.

Always aware of opportunities that he had been given, MIKE KIRWAN eagerly promoted the cause of the common man.

Mr. Chairman, in life MIKE KIRWAN provided outstanding leadership in Government, and he leaves behind a record of public service from which a grateful country will benefit for years to come.

My wife and I convey our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Kirwan and the entire Kirwan family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN J. RHODES

OF ARIZONA

Mr. Chairman, I am deeply saddened by the passing of my good friend, Hon. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. Not only was MIKE KIRWAN a good friend, but on the Public Works Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, under his chairmanship I knew him to be a very wise man who had a very interesting but most effective way of stating problems and coming to answers. He will be greatly missed in the work of our subcommittee, as well as by the House as a whole.

Mrs. Rhodes joins me in deep sympathy for the members of his family in their loss of this truly great gentleman, and for his constituents of the 19th District of Ohio whom MICHAEL J. KIRWAN served so long and so well.

ADDRESS BY HON. HAROLD T. JOHNSON

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Chairman, "California has lost a good friend in the death of Representative MICHAEL J. KIRWAN of Ohio."

In these few words, the editor of the Sacramento Bee summed up the feelings of my home State concerning the death of our friend and colleague, the Honorable MIKE KIRWAN of Ohio.

As I tried to indicate in my remarks of yesterday, we of the Golden State long will be indebted to MIKE KIRWAN for his wisdom, leadership, progressiveness, and aggressiveness, in the field of conservation of natural resources.

These comments were echoed in an editorial published in the three papers of the McClatchy system, the Sacramento, Modesto and Fresno Bee newspapers on Thursday, July 30, 1970, and I ask unanimous consent to insert at this point in the Congressional Record that editorial:

KIRWAN: A GOOD FRIEND

California has lost a good friend in the death of Rep. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN of Ohio.

KIRWAN served for many years as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee. It is this group which initiated the funding of the Central Valleys Projects constructed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and flood control works built by the Army Corps of Engineers.

KIRWAN always was sympathetic and helpful and he had no political ax to grind because his own district had no projects.

He knew California and its needs and learned of them early in life when he was an oil worker in Kern County.

His successor has big shoes to fill.

ADDRESS BY HON. ODIN LANGEN

OF MINNESOTA

Mr. Chairman, I join with others today in expressing my deep sense of loss over the death of my good friend and colleague, the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. I had served with MIKE on the Appropriations Committee and had come to look upon him as an adviser and mentor. He was both forceful in action and wise in counsel. He was a man of energy and industry who, as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee, was dedicated to the progress of America as well as to the protection of her environment. He ably represented the people of Ohio's 19th District and served the Nation with distinction since his election to the 75th Congress.

His commitment to the public interest, his understanding of the needs and aspirations of the average man, his very real personal humility and his dedication to this House and all it stands for, all served as an inspiration and encouragement to those of us who served with him. Again, his personality was such a warm one—quick to smile, ever ready with a cheerful word, and always eager to extend a helping hand. His counsel and his judgment will be sorely missed. To his family, I can only say what they already know—that he was a sincere and dedicated American, an outstanding Congressman, and a fine gentleman.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM H. HARSHA

OF OHIO

Mr. Chairman, I was deeply saddened by the death of one of the most able and conscientious Members of the House, MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN of Ohio.

MIKE KIRWAN served the people of the 19th District of Ohio with great distinction for nearly a third of a century. Since 1937 when he was first elected, MIKE KIRWAN made outstanding contributions to his State and the Nation in countless areas. However, he was probably best known as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

As a result of his years of experience on the Appropriations Committee, MIKE KIRWAN possessed an expertise in his field that was unexcelled. His many years of service and his natural political instinct left him respected and honored by friend and foe alike.

His thorough knowledge of all aspects of the vastly complicated subject of public works appropriations and his unstinting efforts to make our public projects system second to none won him the respect and admiration of all.

MIKE KIRWAN was a champion of the development of our resources, improvement of our rivers and harbors for navigation, development of our conservation programs, planning for irrigation and reclamation, and many other vital programs.

Despite his demonstrated ability as a legislator and representative of the citizens of his district, MIKE KIRWAN may be remembered best as a man of integrity, compassion, and loyalty. He could be warm and gentle, qualities which enabled him to often find time to help his fellow man and to be wholeheartedly responsive to the needs of the people he served. He was often straightforwardly candid, even blunt, but in a manner that left little doubt of his position on a particular issue, and at the same time, asserted his confidence and trust. These qualities made him one of the most popular and genial Members of the House.

Although MIKE had already announced his intention not to seek reelection, it is regrettable that he was unable to fulfill his 34th year in Congress. Throughout the years he did serve, he carved out an enviable career.

With the passing of MIKE KIRWAN, I have lost a very dear friend and colleague. We shall all miss his judgment and counsel. I offer my most heartfelt condolences to his wife and family. MIKE KIRWAN was a dedicated and trusted American, an outstanding Congressman, and a fine gentleman.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.

OF OHIO

Mr. Chairman, on July 27, the citizens of the 19th District of Ohio, and the Congress of the United States lost an experienced and effective legislator.

Due to the period of his illness and the relatively brief time that I have been a Member of Congress, I unfortunately did not have the pleasure of becoming a close friend of Representative MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. Nevertheless, I share the respect and high regard which all of those who met MIKE KIRWAN had for him. He was an especially beloved individual, both because of his accomplishments and his gregarious personality.

To his friends and colleagues, MICHAEL KIRWAN personified those qualities of the American character which we all admire. He was a member of that hardy and unusual breed of self-made men who built

on this land the great country we have today. MIKE was a resourceful and determined man who developed his talents on his own initiative and took full advantage of the opportunities which this Nation provided him for self-improvement and personal development.

Rising from his early years as a coal miner in Pennsylvania eventually to take a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, MIKE KIRWAN always maintained a strong attachment to the land and the people he represented. As a concerned man of great character and integrity, never did he lose sight of his purpose of service to his constituents.

During the course of my duties when I was a State legislator in Ohio, I had an occasion to make several visits to MIKE KIRWAN's district. I was always impressed by the devotion with which MIKE was held by his constituents—both Democrats and Republicans—with whom I dealt.

Throughout his colorful career, MICHAEL KIRWAN always kept close to his heart the great love of the land which was engrained in him during his rugged early years as a coal miner and laborer. These early experiences forged in him a genuine concern for the preservation of our natural resources—a concern which he never abandoned. He became a persistent fighter for conservation and environmental quality, long before these issues carried much political weight.

The Congress and the Nation should be grateful that a man of his character and dedication had the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee. He does not need an elaborate monument to be erected to his memory, for his work as chairman of this subcommittee will always stand as a tribute to this outstanding legislator.

While we have lost an accomplished legislator and a great public servant, we also have lost a man who was a warm and a compassionate human being. The fire and spirit which MICHAEL KIRWAN brought to his public career sprang from his empathy with the concerns and problems of others and his commitment to help those who were willing to help themselves.

In addition to concerning himself with the problems of this life, MICHAEL KIRWAN had a very sensitive appreciation of the joy of living. He was an exemplary Irishman who was blessed with what we fellow Irishmen consider to be the special wit, charm, and love of life of the Irish spirit. He was truly a "Son of St. Patrick."

It is almost trite to say that he certainly will be missed, but in truth this sentiment is shared by all of MIKE's colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

ADDRESS BY HON. CLARENCE E. MILLER

OF OHIO

Mr. Chairman, there is an emptiness in Congress today as we of the House of Representatives feel the great loss of MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. To those of us in the Ohio delegation, the loss is especially keen for we knew MIKE KIRWAN as a personal friend as well as a colleague in Congress. MIKE KIRWAN's story personifies the opportunity for success in America. Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 83 years ago, the son of an immigrant coal miner, MIKE KIRWAN worked in the mines as a child and later as a brakeman and oilfield hand. He knew extreme poverty and the impact of the depression years, but with his initiative and fighting spirit, he literally scoffed at the hard times and, instead, took advantage of the opportunity to represent others who had been subjected to the same hardships, MIKE KIRWAN came to Congress in 1937 and for 17 consecutive terms thereafter, he made the concerns of Ohio's 19th District the business of Congress itself. His accomplishments will be his monuments and his memory will be with us who will forever admire his courage and statesmanship.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM T. MURPHY

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Chairman, it is with great sorrow I join my colleagues in paying respect to the late MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN, who represented Ohio's 19th Congressional District from the 75th through the 91st Congress. Mr. KIRWAN was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on December 2, 1886, the son of the late John and Mary "Duddy" Kirwan. In 1907 he moved

to Youngstown, Ohio, his home until his death. He served in the Youngstown City Council for 4 years prior to his election to Congress in 1936. In addition to his service in the City Council, he was also engaged in the mercantile business. During the First World War, MICHAEL KIRWAN served overseas as a sergeant with the 348th Machine Gun Company of the 64th Artillery, U.S. Army from 1917 to 1919.

At the time of his death, Congressman KIRWAN was the seventh ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He served as chairman of the important Subcommittee on Public Works of the House Appropriations Committee. Through his great interest in conservation, he has left a legacy which includes several national parks, dams, and water conservation projects which resulted from his untiring efforts. He was also known for his great concern for the welfare of the American Indian, the people of the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Pacific mandated islands.

Congressman KIRWAN was a confidant of Presidents Truman, Kennedy, and Johnson. Mr. KIRWAN served as chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee from 1947 until his death. During his tenure as chairman, the party lost control of the House of Representatives on only one occasion.

I became a personal friend of MICHAEL KIRWAN many years before I was elected to Congress through our work at the Democratic National Conventions.

The people of the city of Youngstown, the State of Ohio, and the Nation have lost a great public servant.

Mrs. Murphy joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Alice, and their family.

ADDRESS BY HON. O. C. FISHER

OF TEXAS

Mr. Chairman, this Congress and the entire Nation was saddened by the passing of MIKE KIRWAN. Few men in our time have made a more lasting impression on this body. He was a man of great ability,

resourceful, energetic, courageous, and honorable in every respect. Above all, he was a man of principle, whose convictions were well known. He always commanded respect and was rated as one of the more influential Members of the House.

I recall hearing one Member once say: "MIKE always speaks with an affidavit voice." What he meant was that when our departed friend spoke the very tone and manner of his speech carried the touch of sincerity and truthfulness. It was recognized that he never engaged in idle talk just for the sake of having his words recorded. Indeed when he spoke out he did so because he had a message to deliver, and he did so with charm and conviction.

To me the loss of MIKE KIRWAN was the loss of a close personal friend. In the course of time I have spent many hours in his company. He had a philosophy all his own, and he always enjoyed reminiscing about his past experiences, both in and out of Congress. His vivid memory was always present, and he knew the history of his times as few men do.

MIKE KIRWAN will be missed. No longer will our legislative efforts have the benefit of his counsel and advice. The impact of his good works will be felt for generations to come. To the surviving family I extend my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN O. MARSH, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

Mr. Chairman, many tributes have been paid to our late colleague, MIKE KIRWAN. Undoubtedly, there are many more that could be made by his countless friends.

Having served with him for nearly 6 years on the Appropriations Committee and on its Subcommittee for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies, I had a number of opportunities to be with him in committee hearings. As many of my colleagues know,

for years MIKE chaired this particular subcommittee. His legislative triumphs and achievements through that committee service are legion. There are uncounted beneficiaries of his legislative action on that committee, which today is so ably led by the subcommittee chairman, Julia Hansen of Washington.

One of the things that impressed me about MIKE KIRWAN was his sense of history. He was a great admirer of Woodrow Wilson and apparently had not only followed closely the career of Wilson when he was President of the United States, but had studied historical evaluations of Wilson's Presidency.

In committee hearings on a number of occasions, I can recall MIKE bringing to the attention of a witness the contributions of Woodrow Wilson. He apparently admired Wilson both as an educated man and as a great educator. I have heard him stress many times the influence that Wilson had on public education in America. This aspect of Wilson's personality and career must have had a great impact on MIKE KIRWAN, and I think was often reflected in the thrust of legislative programs in which he had an interest.

He was a great advocate of a better educational program for Indian children. He argued strongly for broadening the educational opportunities available to our young children on Indian reservations that he felt were being neglected in an educational sense.

I think one of the great monuments of his legislative career will be the educational television system of American Samoa. This is a bold and innovative step that I think will be characterized as a pioneer effort in the entire field of educational television. The impact that this system has already had on Samoa is dramatic. This system is being observed by educators as a pilot model, not only for use in the underdeveloped areas of the world, but for use as a teaching technique in other educational systems.

It is my hope that in years to come, when people point to a better educational program on our Indian reservations, and the pioneer effort in education on American Samoa, they will remember MIKE KIRWAN.

ADDRESS BY HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

Mr. Chairman, I join in expressing my deep sorrow on the passing of the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. He was a great American.

All of us in the House of Representatives are familiar with MIKE KIRWAN's outstanding record as a longtime public servant. As second-ranking majority member of the House Committee on Appropriations he played an extremely influential role in shaping our Government's policy in nearly every aspect of our activity. Through his service as chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Works, he was directly responsible for the proper and orderly growth and development of every section of our Nation.

As chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee, he served his party with dedication, honor, and immense achievement.

Yet the contribution of MIKE KIRWAN to his country and to his party far exceeds the accomplishments made through his high positions of leadership. More than this, MIKE KIRWAN's genuine affection and respect among the Members of this House were due to his tremendous personal warmth and friendship. He was a true friend whose word was honored and whose esteem was highly valued.

I personally have the highest regard for MIKE KIRWAN's dedication to the well-being of each and every one of us. I know that he sought to assure fair and equitable treatment of every Member regardless of ranking or position. He had a tender heart for all of those with whom he came in contact, and always did his best to help in a spirit of true selfless service.

We will sorely miss MIKE KIRWAN's skill, expertise, and integrity. He brought a warmth to this House that will long be remembered, and I know that each of us is grateful for the opportunity to have known him and to have been associated with him.

It is with profound sorrow that we bid him goodbye. I express sincere condolences to Mrs. Kirwan and their family. Indeed, we all feel as though we had lost a family member with the passing of this kindhearted, wonderful gentleman, MIKE KIRWAN.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN M. ASHBROOK

OF OHIO

Mr. Chairman, it was with deep regret that I learned of the passing of Congressman MICHAEL KIRWAN, affectionately known to Members as "MIKE," on July 27 at Bethesda Naval Hospital after a long illness. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1936, MIKE won the confidence and support of his constituency and was returned to the House in each succeeding Congress. Originally from Pennsylvania, MIKE moved to Youngstown, Ohio, in 1907, served in the First World War and was later elected to the Youngstown City Council.

As the chairman for many years of the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Public Works, he contributed greatly to the system of dams and reservoirs which were developed nationally over the years. Before beginning public service, he had traveled throughout the United States, working as a trainman, cowboy, and in the oil and wheatfields, experiences which no doubt gave him a great appreciation of the vast natural resources of our country which he was later to oversee as a Member of Congress.

A self-made man with a minimum of formal education, MIKE KIRWAN rose high in the ranks of the Democratic Party, but his devotion to his country overshadowed all and to it he gave first priority. To us on the other side of the aisle, it was implicit in our dealings with MIKE that our national welfare was his foremost guideline as a Member of Congress.

As individual Members, we will miss the warmth and graciousness of his personality in addition to the pioneering spirit which exemplifies our American tradition and history. From the coalfields of Pennsylvania to a revered role in the House of Representatives, MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN personified the personal initiative and dedication to duty which have made this Nation great.

I extend my sympathy to Mrs. Kirwan and members of his family for whom his full life of service and achievement must serve as a great source of consolation.

ADDRESS BY HON. JACKSON E. BETTS

OF OHIO

Mr. Chairman, I am always saddened at the passing of a friend but particularly so with MIKE KIRWAN. He represented one of the ties that remained with my first days of service in Congress. I learned to know him then and always counted him among my favorite colleagues. He was an honest, forthright, and vigorous legislator. I admired him because of his deep commitment to our two-party system and its contribution to the greatness of our country.

As I look back on my association with him, I shall always cherish the opportunities which it gave to discuss with him a wide range of subjects including his own rich experiences.

I will miss him as a friend just as his family will miss him as a father and husband and as his country will miss him as a faithful public servant.

ADDRESS BY HON. G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Chairman, in the 4 short years it was my privilege to know our late and beloved colleague, MIKE KIRWAN, I knew him to be a most able legislator and a man of deep conviction. He was truly a man of many facets. He was proud of his country and would take to task those he believed did not hold its best interest at heart. MIKE KIRWAN was a man of firmness in the performance of his duties, but in his relationship to his fellow human beings he was a man who had an overabundance of kindness and understanding.

Like the other Members of the Congress, I will miss MIKE KIRWAN, especially enjoying the breakfast meal with him each morning. But at the same time I feel fortunate to have known him and had the benefit of his wise counsel.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN C. CULVER

OF IOWA

Mr. Chairman, the death of the Honorable MIKE KIRWAN is a great loss not only to his district and this House but also to our Nation. In his 34 years as a Member of the House of Representatives, MIKE KIRWAN's successful efforts on behalf of his constituents, his party, and his Nation were marked with an unending strength and determination and an almost unparalleled record of long-lasting and far-reaching contributions to the security and dignity of the American people and the preservation and enhancement of their natural resources.

Throughout his life, he served as an example of one of the finest American traditions, a genuinely self-made man. First employed at the early age of 7 years in the Pennsylvania coalfields, he came to be one of the most influential and best informed Members of Congress despite his lack of formal education. By 1947, he became chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee and later assumed the responsibilities of the chairmanship of the Interior and the Public Works Subcommittees of the House Committee on Appropriations.

Without his years of service, our Nation would have been denied one of its greatest legislators and one of its most persuasive defenders of economic and social well-being for the American people. We will long remain indebted to his monumental contributions.

No man has been more responsible than he for our country's expanded water resource development, including flood control, pollution control, water supply, power generation, navigation, irrigation and recreation. The literally thousands of public projects and facilities initiated and completed during his 15 years of service and leadership on the Public Works Subcommittee stand as a living testament to the unusual foresight and perseverance of Congressman KIRWAN.

The Second Congressional District of Iowa is especially grateful for the compassion and understanding evidenced by Chairman KIRWAN. In 1965, our district was struck with Mississippi River flooding of unprecedented severity and declared a major disaster area by the Presi-

dent. Innumerable individual citizens, farms and businesses were inflicted with incalculable damages and losses.

Under the leadership of Mr. KIRWAN, we were able to enact new legislation to provide automatic implementation of disaster relief programs when such tragedies occur in the future and the funding of permanent flood protection, which is now underway in the Iowa cities of Dubuque, Clinton, and Guttenberg, was initiated.

I would like to take this opportunity to insert in the Record a tribute to Mr. KIRWAN, which has been expressed by the city of Dubuque and which is shared by all of the residents of Iowa's Second District:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas, MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN did spend his life in the public service of his community and country; and

Whereas, he was a Member of Congress of the United States, 19th District, Ohio, continuing from the Seventy-fifth Congress in 1937 until his death on 27 July 1970; and

Whereas, he became member and chairman of the House Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee, and in the exercise of office did act to prevent disaster from flooding of the Mississippi River, and with graciousness and continuous work did so serve the people of Dubuque, Iowa.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dubuque, Iowa, on behalf of the citizens of this city, take note of the death of MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN and, joined with the people of Ohio, do mourn his passing and honor his memory for service to this nation.

Adopted this 3rd day of August, 1970.

DONALD R. MEYERS, *Mayor.*
WALTER A. PREGLER,
WAYNE A. MOLDENHAUER,
GAYLORD M. COUCHMAN,
JOSEPH J. BITTER,
Councilmen.

The presence of Congressman KIRWAN will be sorely missed in the Halls of Congress and by Americans throughout the country. My wife, Ann, and the residents of the Second District of Iowa join me in expressing our sympathy to the Kirwan family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JULIA BUTLER HANSEN

OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Chairman, I join the many friends of the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN in expressing my deep sorrow on his death.

MIKE KIRWAN's life should be an inspiration to all Americans. He started from a humble beginning and achieved what many of us strive for as our ultimate goal—he won the love and respect of his fellow man, and he left this world a better place in which to live as a result of his energetic efforts.

MIKE KIRWAN had no secret formula for his success. His experiences as a young man brought him into firsthand contact with the land of this Nation and its people—he dearly loved them both. His varied experiences gave him the vision and foresight to see what America could be. He had one pet project—America, its people, its resources, and its lands.

When a hearing or meeting was about to break up, MIKE KIRWAN had a favorite phrase he would frequently use as he prepared to make his departure. He would say, "Well, I guess I'll put on the rabbit."

Our beloved colleague has "put on the rabbit" for the last time, but for those of us who knew him well and loved him dearly, the memory of the "gentleman from Ohio" will have a special place in our hearts for many years to come.

I extend my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kirwan and the family.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT E. JONES

OF ALABAMA

Mr. Chairman, the passing of our colleague MIKE KIRWAN will be felt throughout the entire Nation.

For years he was a knowledgeable, skilled, and forceful Member of the Congress. He served well the citizens who elected him and they recognized his endeavors with award of long tenure.

More than this, however, was his devotion to and service in behalf of all the citizens of this land. MIKE KIRWAN had a deep and abiding interest in the building of a stronger America.

He was able to advance that interest through his service on the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. In this post, he evidenced sincere concern for improvements throughout the United States. He traveled to many parts of the Nation to personally evaluate projects and proposals for projects.

MIKE KIRWAN's efforts in initiating many of the great and valuable water resource and waterway projects in this country merit him the lasting gratitude of all citizens who have and who will share in the benefits they provide. This work will be his most enduring remembrance.

Those who knew him throughout the land and understood his great desire to build a stronger Nation, regarded him with deep affection and mourn his passing. We will all miss him.

The esteem in which MIKE KIRWAN was held is indicated by an editorial in the Florence, Ala., Times. To share these thoughts with my colleagues, I include the comments as a part of my remarks at this point:

THE VALLEY LOSES A FRIEND

We were saddened the other day when news came across our desk that Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, Ohio Democrat, a 33-year veteran of the House of Representatives and chairman of the House Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee, died July 27 at Bethesda Naval Hospital in suburban Washington, D.C.

Not only did his subcommittee handle appropriations for all dams and Federal power projects in the Nation, but we were personally well acquainted with Congressman KIRWAN and Mrs. Kirwan, and had broken bread with them several times.

We knew him well enough to understand and appreciate his philosophy of life and philosophy of government and recall one memorable evening when we had dinner with the Congressman and Mrs. Kirwan when he expounded these philosophies in considerable detail.

The Ohioan, who had come up the hard way with little formal education, is gone after 83 lusty years of living and 17 terms in the House of Representatives, but monuments to his work are scattered all over the 50 States.

This man from Youngstown occasionally told us that the United States was far behind other civilized societies and developed countries in the world in what it does for its people. He was a great believer in more development of resources and social legislation at home and less warfare abroad.

The Members of Congress and the American people will join us in extending sympathy to those he left behind. It is not likely that the Congress will see many Mike Kirwans in the future.

In our book, he was a truly great American.

Congressman KIRWAN, who had been hospitalized for more than a year, was long influential in Democratic Party circles, having served many years as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He was the second ranking House member in seniority.

On his death, National Democratic Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien paid tribute to Mr. KIRWAN's record in the fields of conservation and outdoor recreation:

"His accomplishments in the environmental field—long before the issue became popular—will be his monument. National parks, dams, reservoirs and water conservation projects are in existence today because of his industry."

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT D. PRICE

OF TEXAS

Mr. Chairman, I was greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN at the Bethesda Naval Hospital after a long illness.

For over three decades, MIKE KIRWAN represented the residents of the 19th District of Ohio with honor and distinction. And as longtime chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, he contributed great leadership and wisdom in the vital area of water conservation and control. As a result of his leadership, many once arid areas of this Nation have been turned into fertile breadbaskets.

Mr. Chairman, in a very significant sense, Mr. KIRWAN embodied the great American traditions of individual initiative and individual

achievement. He was a self-made man who accomplished his goals with little benefit of formal education. His work experience, however, as a trainman, a cowboy, an oilfield worker, and a farmworker, provided him with a broad and sturdy foundation on which he developed his immutable faith in the fundamental soundness of democracy and the goodness of the American people.

Congressman MICHAEL KIRWAN possessed a rare blend of talents and abilities which he used to help the people and the land he loved so well. His person and his activities will long be remembered.

ADDRESS BY HON. THADDEUS J. DULSKI

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Chairman, the passing of our friend and colleague, the late Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, of Ohio, marks the end of an enviable career of public service.

I first met MIKE KIRWAN when I ran for Congress for the first time in 1958. He was stern and businesslike, but he also was helpful to the *n*th degree.

His cooperation and assistance in that first campaign continued into my service in Congress. He always was most helpful and generous in both information and assistance.

In those early years of mine in Congress, my home city was intensely concerned with the need for Federal assistance to make the Buffalo Harbor usable for St. Lawrence Seaway traffic.

As chairman of the House Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee, MIKE KIRWAN always was most sympathetic to our provincial problems in Buffalo. His was an exceedingly responsible and demanding chore in analyzing the endless requests for public works assistance and deciding the priority and allocation for projects.

There are many public works monuments to MIKE KIRWAN around the country, even though they do not carry his name.

MIKE KIRWAN's concern was for the public need. His is an outstanding record of achievement over the years. Our Nation is indeed a better one for his having passed our way.

ADDRESS BY HON. PHILIP J. PHILBIN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, the House, the Congress, the Nation, and very many of us in this body, and throughout the country, sustained a truly irreparable loss in the passing of our dear friend, Congressman MIKE KIRWAN.

First, our hearts go out with prayers and deepest sympathy to his devoted wife and family, and all his dear ones, in their very sorrowful bereavement.

I realize that any remarks we may make today about our dearly beloved friend and colleague, MIKE, would be like carrying coals to Newcastle, since to know him was to respect and love him, and to speak his name reminds us of his warm, loyal friendship, and the many ways in which he lightened our burdens, his brilliant enduring contributions to the work of this House, to this Government and to this country, and the warming inspiration of his loyalty to us and to so many fine causes in the House.

Surely no district could have been more devotedly or effectively served in this Congress than the one in the great State of Ohio, which MIKE represented for so many years in such an outstanding manner.

Speaking of MIKE recalls many happy memories, for he was so unique in his own way, that to describe him, his characteristics, his ramifications, his wide interests, his loyalties, his devotion to his work and to his friends—all the many things that he has done to make America a better place to live, and to improve and strengthen the fiber of this country and its people, really defy description.

He never attended college—he never was highly educated in the formal sense—yet, he was endowed with such a sharp, keen mind, such a broad knowledge of human affairs and understanding of people and business and the economy, and all the manifold things going on in the country and in the world, and had such a keen memory, and quick mastery over subjects with which he was immediately concerned, that there was no lawyer or savant or college graduate or expert—whatever he might be, who could confound him, let alone prevail upon him to take back a single word, or retract one whit from his position.

He brought many measures to the House floor, and under his wise, capable leadership enacted all of them. He knew every phase of all bills and matters coming before his committee, and there was no question anyone could ask him about them that he could not answer.

He might not have answered them always to the satisfaction of his questioner, but one thing is certain; that if they were hostile questions, the questioner never forgot the response.

A wise, experienced leader of the Congress and a dear, valued friend has gone to his eternal reward. He will be greatly missed here in the House, where he has left an indelible impression of vigorous, dedicated public service to the rank and file of the American people and the security and well-being of this Nation.

Yes, the House will greatly miss him, and those of us who knew him so well for years, will especially miss him, and none of us could ever forget this hearty, alert, persevering leader and warm, loyal friend, whose personal color, dynamic leadership and devotion to his work and loyal friendship helped so much to make our service here pleasant, fruitful, and memorable.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his gracious beloved wife and family, of whom he was so proud, and I join with them in mourning his irreparable loss. The House will never see his like again, but the peerless service, loyalty, and friendship of MIKE KIRWAN will long endure in this distinguished body and in the hearts and minds of all of us who served with him.

May our dear friend—patriot and champion of so many good causes, MIKE KIRWAN, find rest and peace in his eternal home.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILLIAM H. NATCHER

OF KENTUCKY

Mr. Speaker, we, in the House of Representatives, have suffered the loss of one of our finest and most beloved colleagues in the passing of the Honorable MICHAEL JOSEPH KIRWAN of Ohio.

The fact that he had been seriously ill for many months in no way minimizes the deep sense of loss and grief that permeates the Chamber because since his election to the House of Representatives in the 75th and each succeeding Congress, MIKE KIRWAN played such a vital role in our legislative deliberations and actions.

Since 1955, I have had the great pleasure and the honor of serving with my good friend, Michael JOSEPH KIRWAN on the Committee on Appropriations in the House. In his capacity as chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Works, for a great many years MIKE KIRWAN was known as "Mr. Public Works." This title was indeed well deserved because he was a tireless and great champion of the water resource development and progress of America.

Certainly he exerted every effort as a member of the Committee on Appropriations and especially as the chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee to see to it that our land is preserved. Moreover, long before we had pollution legislation, MIKE KIRWAN was making every effort to preserve this country's soil and water and through his untiring efforts our Soil Conservation Service has a much easier task in carrying out its functions.

In addition to his outstanding ability as a legislator, MIKE KIRWAN possessed a delightful sense of humor and his inherent kindness endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was a true Irishman in every sense of the word and I am sure there is full agreement that his love for his country and his Government was equally matched by his love for Ireland.

He was always a true friend of the new Members of Congress and sincerely believed that all sections of the United States are important and that under no circumstances should one section be placed in competition against the other.

Saddened though we are, certainly all of us who were privileged to enjoy the friendship of MIKE KIRWAN have many happy memories to sustain us in the loss of his presence on this floor, and likewise, his constant fair-mindedness and objective approach to the most challenging problems left such an impression on us, his colleagues, that this too, will serve as our guideline in the future.

Mr. Speaker, my heartfelt sympathy is with MIKE'S family and it is my prayer that they will be comforted by an abundance of divine assistance during these sad and difficult days.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT N. GIAIMO

OF CONNECTICUT

Mr. Speaker, with the passing of MIKE KIRWAN, we have lost a dear friend, a dedicated and distinguished colleague, a great American.

To list all his accomplishments or to recognize all of his friends would be a task far beyond my capabilities. There are few people in this land of ours who have not been helped in some way by MIKE KIRWAN. There are few major programs passed by Congress in the last 34 years that do not bear his mark.

As a colleague on the Appropriations Committee, MIKE was always knowledgeable, always practical, always fair. As chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee, his help was invaluable year after year.

Above all, however, MIKE KIRWAN was a man of the earth. He toiled in the mines; he drilled for oil; he cut wheat in the fields and trees in the forests. In doing so, he learned to love this land and all of its riches. He learned to deplore the tragic waste of God-given resources. When the time came for him to lead, he did not forget. He led this Nation to new frontiers of conservation and resource development. He was a pioneer. We are all in his debt because of it.

As a colleague and as a friend, I will miss MIKE KIRWAN. It was an honor to know him. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a recent article by Mr. John R. Cauley concerning the passing of our beloved colleague MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. Mr. Cauley, a distinguished and respected journalist on Capitol Hill, remembers MIKE as I do.

In his years as a Member of the House MIKE built a record as a formidable political figure. Yet he is remembered more importantly as a warm and cordial human being. The scores of anecdotes about MIKE provide profound insight into his many faceted personality. I remember his sense of humor and his warm friendship. His care for, and desire to serve his fellow man was truly the mark of a concerned and unselfish individual.

MIKE's passing marks the end of an era. He will be missed by all of his colleagues who in the years since 1937 shared in his leadership, friendship, and kindness.

Mr. Cauley relates two of my favorite stories about MIKE and I look forward to seeing more placed in the Record.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored at this time to place in the Record the remembrances of Mr. Cauley:

[From the Kansas City Star, Aug. 6, 1970]

MIKE KIRWAN KNOWN FOR HIS IRISH WIT

(By John R. Cauley)

WASHINGTON.—The name of Representative MICHAEL J. KIRWAN (D-Ohio) was hardly a household word in Mssouri, Kansas or, for that matter, any other area in the country. But here on Capitol Hill he exerted formidable power as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works, which dispenses millions of dollars a year for local projects, and as chairman of the Democratic National Congressional Committee which distributes millions of dollars in campaign funds.

Indeed, every flood-control project, the reservoirs and the channel improvements in Kansas and Missouri are there largely because MIKE KIRWAN said "yes." When river leaders came to Washington the man to see was KIRWAN. He never let the tag "dispenser of the pork barrel" bother him.

Last week MIKE KIRWAN died at the age of 83 after serving in Congress since 1937. MIKE, who was a close friend of this correspondent, had a complex personality. In the political wars he was rough, combative, and partisan. But he also was a warm, amusing and kindly human being, possessing one of the great attributes of the Irish—loyalty to his friends.

The anecdotes about KIRWAN are legion, but this correspondent always remembers two of them.

MIKE KIRWAN never even finished grade school. As a boy in Pennsylvania he worked in a coal mine called "Heidelberg Eight." Later he migrated to Ohio, got into politics and was elected to Congress from the Youngstown area.

When MIKE arrived in Washington he was told by friends that because he

was a member of Congress, he could get a room at the fashionable University Club here, even though he had never been graduated from a college.

One night there was a membership meeting of the University Club at which each member arose, stated his name, occupation and year of graduation such as "John Smith; lawyer, Harvard, '25."

When MIKE was called upon he solemnly said "MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, member of Congress, Heidelberg Eight." A few of his friends there, knowing that Heidelberg Eight was a coal mine and not the famous university in Germany, were silently amused, but most of the Members appeared impressed.

The story of the membership meeting and Heidelberg Eight quickly got around to MIKE's colleagues in the House and he often took a ribbing about it.

In 1963, this correspondent traveled to Europe with the late President John F. Kennedy and when Mr. Kennedy returned to this country we stayed in Europe to do stories on Germany. One night we arrived at a hotel in Heidelberg and spotted a post card showing the famous German university.

We sent the card to KIRWAN with this notation: "Dear MIKE: Your professors here at Heidelberg remember you as a brilliant student."

KIRWAN was delighted when the card arrived and showed it all over the House floor saying, "You thought it was a joke that I graduated from Heidelberg. Now here's proof."

The other incident concerns the time that MIKE and several other members of Congress accompanied President Kennedy to Ohio for a speech. On the flight out, MIKE by his own account, imbibed a few too many bourbons, and when the plane landed, MIKE, not wanting to embarrass the President at the ceremony, crawled into a bunk on the plane, pulled back the curtain and went to sleep.

When the presidential party returned to the plane, a Secret Servce agent approached Kennedy and said, "Mr. President, everyone is aboard and accounted for except Congressman KIRWAN."

The President said, "This plane is not going to leave until we find MIKE KIRWAN."

A search of the plane finally located KIRWAN sound asleep and the word was conveyed to Kennedy.

"Now we can go," the President said with a grin. "The lost sheep has been found."

MIKE was usually successful in obtaining appropriations but once he gambled and lost. He wanted to build a canal linking the Ohio River and Lake Erie.

This project got to be known as "MIKE's billion-dollar big ditch." Because of his powerful position, his colleagues went along with funds for the studies, but when it became apparent that the cost would be a billion dollars or more and the newspapers exposed the scheme, MIKE backed down, still insisting, however, that it was a great idea.

KIRWAN later was successful in convincing Congress to build a 10-million-dollar aquarium for fresh water and salt water creatures in the Nation's

capital. It was another difficult vote for his colleagues, who saw little merit in it but they did not want to offend KIRWAN.

Wayne Morse, the former Senator from Oregon called it a "fish hotel," and KIRWAN retaliated by deleting funds for Morse's pet projects in Oregon.

KIRWAN's intransigence about the aquarium stemmed from early romantic associations with aquariums. As a young man he had no money to court his girl friends, he once recalled sentimentally, and so they would go to the free city aquarium in Ohio on Sunday afternoons. MIKE thought young couples and families with children would get as much pleasure out of the free aquarium as he did.

ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS L. ASHLEY

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and privileged to have the opportunity to pay tribute to the late Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN by placing a letter of condolence to Mrs. Kirwan that was sent by former President Lyndon B. Johnson. Both of these distinguished Americans served together in the 75th Congress and both of their distinguished careers are now cataloged in the annals of history.

MIKE KIRWAN's fame was a legacy when I came to Congress in 1955 and I was honored to be his colleague and associate over the past 15 years. His outstanding record of services to his country is even more outstanding because of his humble beginning.

I hereby enclose the letter from President Johnson to Mrs. Kirwan which gives evidence of the warm affection the President held for MIKE KIRWAN.

AUSTIN, TEX.,
July 27, 1970.

Mrs. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MRS. KIRWAN: Mrs. Johnson and I are keeping you and the family close in our hearts and prayers. During these past months we have been so concerned about MIKE, and we were deeply, deeply saddened to learn of his death.

We traveled long years and long roads together. Through those journeys I came to know and respect him as an outstanding legislator, a dedicated public

servant and a remarkable person. There are few whose friendship I treasured as much, and none more, than his.

He leaves a legion of friends and a great legacy to the Nation. Know that your grief is shared.

Mrs. Johnson and I send our heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House, the entire Congress was saddened when we learned of the passing of our good friend, MIKE KIRWAN. I do not know of any man who has ever served in the U.S. Congress that took a greater interest in the welfare of the House of Representatives and the individual Members than our friend, the late Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. He was always eager and willing to take the part of the underdog and see that every person received equal and just treatment.

He came up from his boyhood days knowing how necessary it is for a person to work in order to make a livelihood. He was always interested in assisting the poor man and always interested in assisting everyone in securing an education since he was not financially able to get the education he desired when he was a young man.

I want to join my colleagues from the State of Ohio in expressing my deepest sympathy to his family. Also, I want to state that the Congress of the United States will greatly miss this great statesman. He was a power on the Appropriations Committee and very seldom during the time I have been a Member of Congress have I known anyone to question his appropriation bills when they were reported to the floor of the House for consideration.

I feel that I was extremely fortunate to have an opportunity to serve in the House of Representatives with this great man and I learned a great deal from him.

PROCEEDINGS

IN THE

UNITED STATES SENATE

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *July 27, 1970.*

Mr. YOUNG of Ohio. Mr. President, it is with a feeling of sadness that I announce the death of Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, of Ohio, at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

MIKE KIRWAN was serving his 34th consecutive year in the Congress, representing 19th Ohio Congressional District, commencing with the 75th Congress.

It is with a feeling of pride I inform the Members of this Chamber that MIKE KIRWAN was my close personal as well as a political friend for nearly 40 years.

As a young boy, MIKE KIRWAN worked in the coal mines and later as a very young man for the Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley, and also Southern Pacific Railroads and as a yardmaster for the Youngstown Northern Railway. During his youth he traveled extensively in our country, particularly throughout the West working in wheat and oil fields, on ranches, and in lumber camps. In World War I, he served in combat in France. He became a sergeant in the field artillery and won decorations from our Government.

Mr. President, as a soldier MIKE KIRWAN learned devotion and as a laborer in the mines and fields he developed a sensitivity and compassion for the weak, the unfortunate, and those who toil with their hands.

In the House of Representatives, MIKE KIRWAN served as a member of the Rivers and Harbors Committee and from 1943 he served as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

He was first elected to the 75th Congress in 1936 and thereafter to every succeeding Congress and by ever-increasing majorities.

Congressman KIRWAN had very little formal education. It was necessary for him to work in the coal mines at an extremely early age.

He became a self-educated and very knowledgeable man. During his years as Representative in Congress from the 19th Ohio District he spoke out in support of Democratic candidates and Democratic causes not only in every area of Ohio but in many States in the Midwest and Far West. He was a forthright and blunt speaker. He never dodged speaking out for unpopular causes. He spoke with sincerity and eloquence.

He was a sincere, honest, and industrious public servant in the House of Representatives. Due to that the 19th Ohio District, long regarded as a Republican stronghold, reelected him from 1938 to 1968 by ever-increasing majorities. Last year MIKE KIRWAN announced his retirement and that he would not seek reelection. This was due to his failing health.

MIKE took great pride in bringing about the erection of dams throughout every area of the United States. Whether any particular dam has been named after him I do not know, but I do know that there are hundreds of dams, highly needed at the time, which were erected due to MIKE KIRWAN's efforts and leadership. These are his monuments.

Congressman KIRWAN was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1937. He was appointed to the Committee on Appropriations in January of 1943. He became a champion of conservation, including national parks and mineral resources, and made great efforts for the improvement of the welfare and education of the American Indian. He wanted every Indian child in our Nation to have the opportunity to have a good common school education which, due to economic conditions, was denied him.

TUESDAY, *July 28, 1970.*

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I know the Senate joins in sorrow for the death of the distinguished dean of the Ohio delegation, Representative KIRWAN, of Ohio, and with whom I served in the House of Representatives.

Mr. YOUNG of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on House Resolution 1161.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a resolution of the House of Representatives (H. Res. 1161), which was read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That a committee of fifty-four Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. YOUNG of Ohio. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The resolution was read, as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 434

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. MICHAEL J. KIRWAN, late a Representative from the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 434) was considered and unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the second revolving clause, the Chair appoints the two Senators from Ohio (Messrs. Young and Saxbe) as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Representative KIRWAN.

Adjournment Until 11 a.m. Tomorrow

Mr. BYRD of West Virginia. Mr. President, I move, in accordance with the previous order, and pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 434, as a further mark of respect to the memory of Representative Michael J. Kirwan, of Ohio, that the Senate now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 29, 1970, at 11 a.m.

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